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UROPEANS understand by the East-Indies all the countries and empires, which lying fouth of Tartary, extend from the eastern frontiers of Persia, to the eastern coasts of China. The illands of Japan are likewise included in this denomination; as are all the Malay islands, in which the Dutch have such valuable possessions, and which extend to the fouthward, as far as the coasts of New Holland, and eastward to lands unknown.

Bur the name of India can only with propriety be applied to the country which is diffinguished in Afia as well as in Europe by the name of Indostan.

THAT part of the western side of Indostra, which is not bounded by the fea, is separated from Persia and the Usber Tartary by defarts, and by those mountains which were known to the ancients under the name of Paropamisus: Mount Caucasus forms its barrier to the north, separating it from various nations of Tartars, from the great and little Thibet. From mount Caucasus to Chitigan, marshes and rivers divide it from the kingdoms of Tepra, Assam, and Aracan: the sea, from Chitigan to cape Comorin and from hence to Persia, embraces the rest of Indostan.

This great extent of country has been inhabited, from the earliest antiquity, by a people who have no resemblance either in their figures or manners with any of the nations which are contiguous to them. Although these nations have at different times sent conquerors amongst them, who have established themselves in different parts of the country: although the Mogul Tartars under Tamerlane and his successors have at last rendered themselves lords of almost the whole of it; yet the original inhabitants have lost very little of their original character by the establishment of these strangers amongst them.

Besides the particular denominations which they receive from the casts and countries in which they are born, there is one more general, which is applied indiscriminately to distinguish the original natives from all who have intruded themselves amongst them, Hendoo, from whence Indian.

THE Indians have lost all memory of the ages in which they began to believe in Vistnou, Eswara, Brama, and a hundred thousand divinities subordinate to these. These divinities are worshipped in temples called Pagodas in every part of Indostan, the whole extent of which is holy land to its inhabitants; for there is no part in which some divinity has not appeared and done something to merit a temple and priests to take care of it. Some of these fabrics are of immemorial antiquity: they are at the same time monuments of such stupendous labour, that they are supposed to have been built by the gods to whom they are consecrated.

The history of these gods is a heap of the greatest absurdations. It is Eswara twisting off the neck of Brama; it is the Sun, who gets his teeth knocked out, and the Moon, who has her sace beat black and blue at a seast, at which the gods quarrel and sight with the spirit of a mob. They say that the Sun and Moon carry in their faces to this day the marks of this broil. Here and there a moral or metaphysical allegory, and sometimes a trace of the history of a first legislator, is discernible in these stories; but in general they are so very extravagant and incoherent, that we should be left to wonder how a penple so reasonable in other respects should have adopted such a code of nonsense as a creed of religion, did we not find the same credulity in the histories of nations much more enlightened.

The Bramins, who are the tribe of the priesthood, descend from those Brachmans who are mentioned to us with so much reverence by antiquity; and although much inferior either as philosophers or men of learning to the reputation of their ancestors, as priests their religious doctrines are still implicitly followed by the whole nation; and as preceptors they are the source of all the knowledge which exists in Indostan.

EVEN at this day some of them are capable of ealeulating an eclipse, which seems to be the utmost street of their mathematical knowledge. They have a good idea of logic; but it does not appear that they have any treatises on rhetoric; their ideas of music, if we may judge from the practice, are barbarnus; and in medicine they derive no affishance from the knowledge of anatomy, fince diffections are repugnant to their religion.

They find no blood and cat no flesh, because they believe in the transmigration of souls; they encourage wives to burn themselves with their deceased husbands, and seem to make the persection of religion consist in a punctual observance of numerous ceremonics performed in the worship of their gods, and in a strict attention to keep their bodies free from pollution. Hence purifications and B 2

ablutions, as dictated by their scriptures, are scrupulously observed by them, and take up no small portion of their time.

A Bramin cannot eat any thing which has been prepared or even touched by any other hand than that of a Bramin, and from the same principle, cannot be married to a person of any other cast in the kingdom, because his own cast is the highest, even above that of the kings. They say that they were formerly the kings of the whole country, and preserve to this day the privilege of commuting capital punishment, when merited, by the loss of their eyes. To kill a Bramin is one of the sive sins for which there is scarce any expiation.

THE pre-eminence of the Bramins admitted, it seems as if the Indians had determined to compensate the odium of such a superiority, by forming themselves into a number of distinct tribes or gradations of people, who respectively submit to the different degrees of estimation in which they have at last agreed to abide, as implicitly as the whole agree to acknowledge the superiority of the Bramins.

The many temporal advantages which the Bramins derive from their fpiritual authority, and the impossibility of being admitted into their tribe, have perhaps given rise to that number of Joguees and Facquires, who torture themselves with such various and associations penances, only to gain the same veneration which a Bramin derives from his birth.

The casts or tribes into which the Indians are divided, are reckoned by travellers to be eighty-four: perhaps when India shall be
better known, we shall find them to be many more; for there is a
singular disposition in the Indian, from very trisling circumstances to
form a sect apart from the rest of his neighbours. But the order of
pre-eminence of all the casts in a particular city or province, is generally indisputably decided. The Indian of an inferior would think
himself honoured by adopting the customs of a superior cast; but this
would give battle sooner than not vindicate its prerogatives: the in-

ferior receives the victures prepared by a superior east with respect, but the superior will not partake of a meal which has been prepared by the hands of an inserior east. Their marriages are circumseribed by the same barriers as the rest of their intercourses; and hence, besides the national physiognomy, the members of each east preserve an air of still greater resemblance to one another. There are some easts remarkable for their beauty, others as remarkable for their ugliness.

ALL these easts acknowledge the Bramins for their priests, and with them admit the transfruigration. In devotion to this opinion fome assume themselves at the death of a fly, although occasioned by inadvertence. But the far greater number of easts are not so serupulous, and eat, although very sparingly, both of fish and sless; but, like the Jews, not of all kinds indifferently.

THEIR diet is chiefly rice and vegetables dreffed with gauger, turmeric, and other hotter spices, which grow almost spontaneously in their gardens. They esteem milk the purest of soods, because they think it partakes of some of the properties of the nectur of their gods, and because they esteem the cow itself almost a divinity.

An abhorrence to the shedding of blood, derived from his religion, and seconded by the great temperance of a life which is passed by most of them in a very sparing use of animal sood, and a total abstinence from intoxicating liquors; the influence of the most regular of climates, in which the great heat of the sun and the great fertility of the soil lessen most of the wants to which the human species is subject in austerer regions, and supply the rest without the exertion of much labour; these causes, with various consequences from them, have all together contributed to render the Indian the most enervated inhabitant of the globe.

Hn shudders at the fight of blood, and is of a pussilanimity only to be excused and accounted for by the great delicacy of his configuration. This is so slight as to give him no chance of opposing with success the onset of an inhabitant of more northern regions.

His manners are gentle; his happiness consists in the solaces of a domestic life; to which sufficiently inclined by the climate, he is obliged by his religion, which esteems matrimony a duty indispensible in every man who does not quit the world to unite himself to God: such is their phrase. Although permitted by his religion, according to the example of his gods, to have several, he is seldom the husband of more than one wise: and this wise is of a decency of demeanour, of a sollicitude in her family, and of a sidelity to her vows, which might do honour to human nature in the most civilized countries.

His amusements consist in going to his Pagoda, in assisting at religious shews, in sulfilling a variety of ceremonies prescribed to him on all occasions, by the Bramin; for, subject to a thousand lapses from the ideas he has adopted of impurity, the Indian is always offending his gods, who are not to be appealed untill their priest is satisfied.

In a country of such great extent, divided into so many distinct sovereigntics, it cannot be expected that there should be no exceptions to one general affertion of the character of the inhabitants. There is every where in the mountains a wild inhabitant, whose bow an European can scarcely draw. There are in the woods people who subsist by their incursions into the neighbouring plains, and who, without the ferocity of the American, possess all his treachery; and according to Mr. Thevenot, India has had its cannibals in the centre of one of the most cultivated provinces of the empire. The Rajpouts by their courage have preserved themselves almost independant of the Great Mogul. The inhabitants of the countries still nearer to the mountains of the frontier, distinguished by the activity of their character from the indolence of the rest of the nation, have easily turned Mahomedans; these northern converts we suppose to be the origin of the present Assighans and Pitans, who are the best troops

in the emperor's fervice, and the most dangerous enemies of the throne when in arms against it.

The arts which furnish the conveniences of life have been carried by the Indians to a pitch far beyond what is necessary to supply the wants of a climate which knows so few.' At the same time no ideas of taste or sine design have existed among them: and we feek in vain for elegance in the magnificence of the richest empire of the globe.

THEIR knowledge of mechanical powers is fo very confined, that we are left to admire, without being able to account for, the manner in which they have erected their capital Pagodas. It does not appear that they had ever made a bridge of arches over any of their rivers, before the Mahomedans came amongst them.

Ar is to the suppleness with which the whole frame of an Indian is endowed, and which is still more remarkable in the configuration of his hand, that we are indebted for the exquisite perfection of their manufactures of limien. The same instruments which an Indian employs to make a piece of cambric, would, under the rigid singers of an European, scarcely produce a piece of canvass.

His religion forbids the Indian to quit his own shores: he wants nothing from abroad: he is so far from being sollicitous to convert the stranger to his own opinions, or from withing him to assimilate with the nation, that if a foreigner were to sollicit the privilege of worshipping Vistnou, his proposal would be received with the utmost contempt.

Nothing feems to have been wanting to the happiness of this nation, but that others should have looked on them with the same indifference with which they regard the rest of the world. But not content with the presents which nature has showered on their climate, they have made improvements when they selt no necessities. They have cultivated the various and valuable productions of their

foil, not to the measure of their own, but to that of the wants of all other nations; they have carried their manufactures of linnen to a perfection which surpasses the most exquisite productions of Europe, and have encouraged with avidity the annual tributes of gold and silver which the rest of the world contest for the privilege of sending to them. They have from time immemorial been as addicted to commerce, as they are averse to war. They have therefore always been immensely rich, and have always remained incapable of defending their wealth.

SECTION IL

ONG before Tamerlane, mahomedan princes had entered, made conquests, and established themselves in India.

Value, the 6th of the Kalifs named Ommiades, who afcended the throne in the year 708 of our Æra, and in the 90th of the Hegira, made conquests in India; so that the Alcoran was introduced very early into this country.

Mainsour, fon of Sebegtechin, prince of Gazna, the capital of a province separated by mountains from the north-west parts of India, and situated near Kandahar, carried the Alcoran with the sword into Indostan in the year 1000 or 1002 of our Æra. He maintained limitest, in a vast extent of territory out of, and seems to have subdued as large a one in India, is it is true that he carried his conquests as far to the south as the present capital of the kingdom of Visapore near Goa. He treated the Indians with all the rigor of a conqueror and all the sury of a converter, plundering treasures, demolishing temples, and murdering idolaters throughout his rout. His historians are quite extravagant in their descriptions of the wealth he found in Indostan. One of them says, no doubt allegorically, that he found a tree growing out of the earth to an enormous size, of which the substance was pure gold, and this the effect of nature.

The successors of this Mahmoud are called, from the eapital of their dominions, the dynasty of the Gaznavides, and maintained themselves in a great part of the countries which he had conquered in India until the year 1155, or 1157, when Koskou Senan, the 13th and last prince of Gazna, and of the Gaznavide race, was deposed by Hussain Gauri, so called from the country in which he was born, Gaur, a province lying to the north of Gazna.

This Hussain founded the dynasty of the Gaunides, which surnished five princes who possessed in and out of India nearly the same dominions as their predecessors the Gaznavides, and like them made Gazna their capital.

Scheabedin, the 4th of the Gauride emperors, during the life of his brother and predecessor Gaiatheddin, conquered the kingdoms of Multan and Delhi. He drew such immense treasures out of India, that his favourite daughter inquiring of the officer who had the care of them, to what value they amounted, the treasurer answered, that there was the weight of three thousand pounds in diamonds only, by which she might judge of the rest: after deductions made for oriental exaggeration, we may still gather from this anecdote, that his conquests in India had given him great wealth. An Indian, rendered desperate by the pollutions and insults to which he saw his gods and temples exposed, made a vow to assassinate Scheabbedin, and executed it.

The race of Gaurides finished in the year 1212, in the person of Mahmoud, successor and nephew to Scheabbedin. The days of this Mahmoud, like those of his uncle, though for a different cause, were cut off by the swords of assassins. Whatever dominions Mahmoud possessed out of India, he does not seem to have had any great influence in it, or even in Gazna itself; he, contrary to the practice of his predecessors, made not this city the capital of his sovereignty. His uncle Scheabbedin, who had no children, and was remarkable for a spirit of adoption, had prepared the dismemberment of the Indian provinces from the empire of Gazna, by giving the government of two of them to two of his slaves. Nassereddin received from him the countries of Multan, Cothbeddin-Ibeck those of Delhi. At the same time he made another of his slaves, Tageddin-Ildiz, governor of Gazna.

IN the year 1214 MOHAMED, the 6th Sultan of the dynasty of the Khowarasmians, whose territories were contiguous to those of the Gaurides, took Gazna from the slave who had succeeded the slave Tageddin-

Tageddin-Ildiz in the government of that city. But although he conquered the capital of their empire, it does not appear that he fixed himself in the Indian dominions of the Gaurides. He imprudently quarrelled with GINGISCHAN, and in the year 1218 was compelled to fly before the arms of that mighty conqueror. In the year 1220 he died a fugitive, at a great distance from India.

THE brave Gelaladdin, fon of Mohamed, made head in the province of Gazna against the forces of Gingischan: in the year 1221 he was so hard pressed by them as to be forced to fly into India, where, on the western banks of the Indus, he was totally defeated by Gingischan in person, but saved his life by swimming the river with an intrepidity which raised admiration in Gingischan himself. He remained in Multan until the year 1224, when he left India never more to return into it. He was killed in 1231 in Mesopotamia.

WITH Gelaladdin finished the dynasty of the Khowarasmians; and what share Ginglichan or his successor took in the affairs of Indostan, we have not had the good fortune to discover. We find that one Turmechirin Chan, stiled in Tamerlane's history a descendant of Gengis, and one of the great emperors of Asia, penetrated in the year 1240 to the city of Mirte lying to the north-east of Delhi, and made conquests which preserved great reputation to his name in India, until the appearance of Tamerlane; but these conquests did not expel from the sovereignty the family which at that time reigned in Delhi.

COTHEEDDIN-IBECK, the flave of Scheabbedin, rendered himself independant in the fovereignty of Delhi, which had been given to him by his master only in vicegerence. He extended the mahomedan dominions, and died peaceably on his throne in the year 1219. He was succeeded by his son Aramschah, who was deposed by his father's slave Ilethusche Schamseddin.

This ILETMISCHE conquered from the flave Nassereddin the provinces which composed the new kingdom of Multan. By uniting these to the provinces of Delhi, and by governing all these dominions in person without interesting himself in what passed out of India, he became the first regular and the most powerful mahomedan monarch who had hitherto reigned in Indostan. He died in the year 1235.

His descendants formed the dynasty of the first mahomedan kings of Delhi.

FIROUZCHAH ROCNEDDIN succeeded his father Iletmische, and before he had reigned a year was deposed by his discontented grandees, who placed his sister RADHIATEDDIN upon the throne; an extraordinary phænomenon in a mahomedan government. This female sovereign was, after various adventures, deposed by her brother Beharam Schah, and killed in attempting to make her escape from him.

BEHARAM SCHAH, after reigning two years, was killed in a revolt. Massoudschah Alaeddin, son of Firouz Schah Rocneddin, then mounted the throne, and in the year 1246 was deposed by his brother Mahmoud Schah Nassereddin, who made great conquests in India.

AFTER the death of Mahmoud Nassereddin, Firouz his uncle and Alaeddin his nephew disputed the thronc. ALAEDDIN caused Firouz to be assassinated, and remained in possession of the throne of Delhi until the year 1317.

HERE we arrive at a chasm of near 80 years in the history of these kings, which our guide Mons. D'Herbelot could not find materials to sill up. Sultan Mahmoud, who reigned at Delhi in the Year 1398, is stilled by Tamerlane's historian the grandson of the emperor Firouz Schah, concerning which Firouz Schah we can determine nothing more than that he was of the samily of Hetmische.

MAHMOUD SCHAH, a weak prince, was governed absolutely by his vizir Mellou Cawn, who placed his brother Sarenk in the government of the provinces which depended on the city of Multan, and the two brothers between them ruled the whole kingdom, without any other than a nominal interposition of their sovereign.

THE Mirza Pir Mohammed Gehanguir had in the year 1392 received from his grandfather 'Tamerlane the fovereignty of all the countries which had formed the empire of Mahmoud the Khowarafmian, whom Gengifchan conquered, and who was father of the brave Gelaleddin. Pir Mohammed, at the end of the year 1397, or the beginning of the year 1398, fet out from his capital of Gazna, advanced with a numerous army to Multan, and laid siege to the city, which was well defended by Sarenk.

During the fiege Tamerlane was advancing from Samarcande, He entered India at the end of the year 1398, descending more terrible than all its inundations from the center of the northern part of the Indian Caucasus. This invincible barbarian met with no resistance from the Indians sufficient to justify, even by the military maxims of Tartais, the cruelties with which he marked his way. He was joined near Multan by his grandson, who had now taken that city, and took in person the strong fortress of Batnir; after which he marched towards Delhi. Here sultan Mahmoud, with his vizir, had the courage to stand their ground, determined to risk a battle with forces every way inferior to their enemies.

Tamerlane, when in light of their army, ordered a hundred thousand prisoners, which his own army had gathered in their rout, to be put to death, because they were idolaters, and because some of these wretches had betrayed symptoms of satisfaction at the sight of a skirmish which had been sought with a party of sultan Mahmoud's cavalry. As these marks of dissistation had raised, the apprehension of a general infurrection of the slaves, during the battle.

which was impending, Tamerlane enforced his order with the greatest rigour, and it was executed with the utmost diligence.

Two or three days after this massacre, Tamerlane gave battle, and was, as ever, victorious. Sultan Mahmoud and his vizir fled into Delhi, and in the night fled out of it.

Delhi was taken without refistance, and its inhabitants were subjected to the same pillage and cruelties, which we have seen renewed in this century by Thamas Kouli Khan in the present capital of Indostan, which, although bearing the same name, is not situated exactly on the same spot as the antient Delhi.

AFTER having made the regulations necessary to calm the convulfions which his cruelties had raised in the inhabitants of the metropolis of Indostan, Tamerlane marched to the north-east towards the Ganges, not without resistance maintained in some places with resolution, but in all without success. He crossed the Ganges at Toglipoor, and exposing his person in every skirmish that offered with the spirit of a volunteer, advanced to the straights of Kupele.

At the foot of the mountains called Kentassi, in the country of Thibet, and in that part of them which lies between the thirty-sirst and thirty-second degree of latitude and between the ninety-eighth and the hundredth degree of longitude, the Ganges, formed from several sources, passes successively two great lakes, and slows to the west until the opposition of a part of the Indian Caucasus turns it to the south, and soon after to the south-east, when at length slowing due south, and having completed in these various directions a course of two hundred leagues, it enters India by forcing its passage through the mountains of the frontier.

THE pass through which the Ganges disembogues itself into Indostan is called the straights of Kupele, which are distant from Delhi about 30 leagues, in the longitude of 96, and in the latitude of 30. 2.

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These straights are believed by the Indians, who look very little abroad, to be the sources of the Ganges; and a rock 15 miles distant from them, bearing some resemblance to the head of a cow, has joined in the same part of the kingdom two very important objects of their religion; the grand image of the animal which they almost venerate as a divinity, and the first appearance of that immense body of holy water which washes away all their sins-

A GREAT multitude of Indians were assembled, probably for the celebration of a seast, at the straights of Kupele. They made some shew of resistance against Tamerlane's army, but were no sooner attacked than dispersed. The field of this victory is the most distant term of Tamerlane's conquests in India and on the globe.

Hz now prepared to return to his capital of Samarcande, and repassed the Ganges; after which he dreeded his march along the foot
of mount Caucasus, until he arrived at the southern frontiers of Kashmire, the mahomedan king of which country sent ambassadors to
make submission. As this rout was through countries which the
army had not hitherto passed, the sword was not yet sheathed, but
large detachments were making excursions to the fouth, whilst Tamellane reserved to himself the task of subduing the mountaineers
who made any resistance, or resused to acknowledge his sovereignty.

From the frontiers of Kashmire to the frontiers of Indostan, the army passed through countries which had submitted to Tamerlane at his entrance into India; and the march out of India was through the mountains of Sheberto, a part of the Caucasus. From hence Tamerlane bashened to Samarcande. Having reposed a few months in this capital of his vast dominions, he set out on the great expedition in which he subdued Syria and the Kalif of Egypt, vanquished Bajazet, and by the addition of these conquests to those he had made before, rendered himself loid of an empire which extended from Smyrna to the banks of the Ganges.

TAMERLANE never returned into India, but added the conquests he had made in it to the government of his grandson Pir Mohammed Gehanguir, who ruled from Gazna the mahomedan dominions of Indostan until the death of his grandsather, which happened in the year 1404. An event in which so many princes were interested did not fail to raise great commotions amongst the princes of his family. On his death-bed Tamerlane named Pir Mohammed Gehan Ghir the universal heir of all his dominions. The contempt with which his will was treated after his death, was equal to the veneration which had been paid to his authority during his life. The sultan Khalil, another of his grandsons, immediately took possession of the capital of Samarcande, and proclaimed himself emperor. Pir Mohammed did not live long enough to affert his rights, but was assassinated six months after the death of his grandsather.

THE sultan Sharock, the youngest of the two surviving sons of Tamerlane, succeeded to the inheritance designed for Gehan Ghir: he reigned near 42 years, during which the conquests of his sather in India seem to have remained in subjection to his authority.

THERE is in Europe an excellent history of the life of this prince, and of his descendants, continued to the year 1497. There are likewise in England materials sufficient to form a history of the dependance in which India remained to the posterity of Tamerlane, until one of them erected the new dynasty of mahomedan emperors in Indostan, which is that of the present great Moguls; but these tracts, hitherto little regarded by those, whose fortunes alone could furnish the expence of presenting them to the public in languages of common use, remain out of the reach of public curiosity by the difficulties attending the study of those in which they are written.

A FEW scraps detached from one another by considerable intervals of time, and by subjects of little connection with each other, would be of little

little use to guide us through such a length of obscurity as that in which we view at present the history of Tamelane's successors in India, until the time of Sultan Babr: and this obscurity must remain, until the original histories brought into England by Mr. Frazer, or others equivalent to them, shall be published.

THE SULTAN BABR was the 6th in descent, not from Sharoch, but from the Mirza Miran Schah, another of the fons of Tamerlane; this Babr, yielding to the conquests of the Usbeg Tartars, retired from the country of Mawhranhar towards India: after making feveral expeditions into Indolfan, he at last in the year 1526 defeated Sultan Ibrahim Louds, and became emperor of Delhi. Sultan Ibrahîm Loudi was, will in all probability be known, when the commentaries of Sultan Babr, written by himfelf, and which are at Oxford, shall be translated. After making still farther con's quests in Indostan, Sultan Babr died near Agra in the December of the year 1530.

1 THE' pride of the Great Moguls descended from Sultan Babr, in vaunting in their titles and on all other occasions, their descent from Tamerlane, has given rife to the common belief, that the throne of Delhi, and the whole extent of the conquests made by Tamerlane in India: were maintained by his posterity in a regular filiation, and without interruption. But fuch a fuccession would have given no 100m for Sultan Babr's conquests over a stranger, as Sultan Louds appears to be, and would have excluded him from the honour of being the founder of the prefent dynasty of Great Moguls.

Homaion succeeded to his father Babr, and in 1540 fled into Persia before the Pitans, whom we imagine to have been the Mahomedan subjects of Sultan Ibrahim Loudi conquered by Babr. the affiftance of the king of Persia Homaion recovered his empire in 1555, and died in 1556. Before his flight he had conquered and added to the Mogul dominions the kingdoms of Guzerat and Malva! . he bad likewise taken possession of the kingdom of Bengal." It

ACBAR succeeded his father Homaion, and died, after a reign of near 50 years, in 1605. He extended the empire, but not so far to the southward as to prevent him from vouchsasing to stile the king of Portugal Lis neighbour, in virtue of the territories possessed by this nation near Goa on the coast of Malabar.

To Acbar succeeded his son Jehanguir, who died in 1627. A weak prince, enslaved by the influence of his mistress Nourjehan, confined in his person, and constrained in his government, by the ambition of his son Gehan Schah. Sir Thomas Roc was sent embassador to Jehanguir by king James the sirst.

SCHAH GEHAN succeeded to his father Jehanguir; and after a reign successful until the change of his fortunes, to which a sickness of languor occasioned by intemperance in his seraglio gave rise, was deposed and consined by his son Aurengzebe, and died in 1666.

THERE is not a more curious piece of history than that of the rebellion of Aurengzebe against his father, written by Mr. Bernier. After having murdered his three brothers and some of their children, to acquire the throne, Aurengzebe maintained himself in it near 50 years, with so strict an attention to the government of his empire, as entitles him to be ranked with the ablest princes, who have reigned in any age or country. He conquered more than half the provinces of the Peninsula of India in person, and his viceroys conquered or subjected almost all the rest, the sea coasts of Malabar excepted. The revenues of the empire amounted in his time to near thirty-eight millions of pounds sterling. He died in 1707.

Bur all the abilities of Aurengzebe did not give him the power of fecuring his crown to one of his fons in preference to the rest, and it appears by his will that he foresaw the contests which ensued amongst them after his death. His sons Azem Schah, and Mahomed Mauzm, fought at the head of armies not equalled since the time of Tamer-

lane. That of Mahomed Mauzm confifted of more than three hundred thouland fighting men, of which one hundred and fifty thouland were cavalry. Azem, who feems by his father's will to have been the favourite, was defeated and killed, and Mauzm was proclaimed emperor, under the title of Bahada Schah, after which he attack his brother Kaunbukh, who was taken prifoner and died of his wounds. Bahada Schah died after reigning about fix years according to Mr. Frazer.

OF four fons which furvived their father Bahadt Schah, three joined against the other, descated and killed him, and then Jehander Schah sparated from the other two, descated and put them to death; after which he was proclaimed emperor; but as he was a very weak prince, and infatuated by his mistress Lal Koar, who had been a public singer; two brothers the principal men of his court dethroned him, and placed on the throne Mahoned Furnwestar son to Azen Schah, the prince who sell the first of the three brothers, by whose deaths Jehander Schah acquired the crown.

WE know not what term to give to the reign of Jehander Schali. the predecessor of Furruksir, as Mr. Frazer, who is now the guide to whom we are most indebted for the history of this dynasty, seems to have made a mistake in the chronology of this period. Aurencezelie is faid to have died in February 1707, and Mahomed Furrukfir in February 1719, which dates give an interval of twelve years. At the fame time Bahadr Schah the fuecesfor of Aurengzebe is faid to have reigned about fix years, Mahomed Furruklir the fuecessor of Ichander Schah, to have reigned feven: fo that we have in the reigns of these two princes, without the interpolition of Jehander Schah, more than the term which elapfed between the deaths of Aurengzebe and Mahomed Furrukfir, whose deaths are ascertained by dates. Mr. Frazer has not afcertained the term of Jehander Schah's reign : but if those of Bahadr Schar and Furrukfir could be authentically reduced into the space to which they must be confined, it would be sufficient. according to the ideas of Mogul history, that Jehander Schah only D 2 once

once performed the ceremony of fitting in public on the throne of Delhi, to intitle him to be ranked in the lift of the emperors of Indostan.

By that dependance to the great men of the kingdom to which their contests for the crown had reduced the descendants of Aurengzebe, the emperors elected, although reverenced as despotic by the multitude, ascended the throne in bonds, and were in reality nothing more than the slaves of their ministers.

STILL the blood of Tamerlane continued to be held in too great veneration throughout the empire, to permit any others than his defeendants to entertain hopes of ascending the throne with impunity. Those who stood nearest to the throne, in virtue of their offices and power, were therefore contented to rule the empire as they pleased, by shewing to the people a pompous sovereign, who in reality commanded nothing but the women of his seraglio.

FURRUKSIR was the first of the Great Moguls, whose father had not been emperor, and we shall soon see more examples of this oblique succession. The same lords who had raised, deposed him as a measure necessary to their own security. Not content with confining him, they put out his eyes; but even this degree of imbecillity and wretchedness did not appease their fears or satisfy their resentments. They murdered him on the 16th of February 1719, aggravating the deed with every indignity and insult.

These deposers of Furruksir placed on the throne his cousin german Rasseih al Dirjat son of Rasseih al Shan, one of the brothers from whom the emperor Jehander Schah won the crown. Rasseih al Dirjat was taken out of the castle in which those of the royal family who are not murdered are suffered to live. This change of this fortunes was not more extraordinary than it was of short duration;

tion; for the fame disposers of the throne who had made him emperor, murdered him when he had scarcely reigned three months.

They then took Rassein al Dowlet, brother of Rassein al Dirjat, probably out of the same place of consinement, and placed him on the throne. The reign of this emperor was of shorter duration than that of his brother, for he died within a few days after his accession, and his death was not suspected to be the effect of poison.

MAHOMED Schah was now proclaimed by the two brothers Abdallah Khan, and Hoffan Ally Khan, whom we have feen powerful enough to make four and depose five emperors of Indoltan. If there were no interreigns, four of these fuccessions happened in the space of four months.

MAHOMED Schah was fon of Jehan Schah, onc of the three brothers who perified in diffuting the crown with their brother Jehander Schah. So that n fon of each of these three unfortunate princes became emperor only to be as unfortunate as his sather.

But the greateft humiliation, if not the most tragical exit, was referved for Mahomed Schah. But the beginning of his reign was not without a stroke of vigour in the mode of eastern politics; for his courtiers, to please him, assailanted Hossan Ally Khan, one of the two brothers whose hands had been imbrued in so much of the blood of his family.

THE other hrother Absullah Caun immediately appeared in arms, and opposed another emperor of his own nomination to Mahamed. Schah. A battle ensued, in which Abdullah was taken prisoner. He died three months afterwards of his wounds; having, it is said, received the affurance of his pardon from Mahomed Schah; which, if true, is an example of clemency very rarely found in the politics of Assite monarchs.

THE removal of two fuch dangerous enemies to the throne, placed Mahomed Schah in possession of it with a security unknown to his predecessors, since the reign of Aurengzebe; but this security served only to render him unworthy of it. Indolent, sensual, and irresolute, he voluntarily gave to favourites as great a degree of power, as that which the ministers of the throne had lately possessed in designee of the will of their fovereigns. The fatal moment approached, in which a foreigner was to determine whether he should exterminate the race of Tamerlane, and annex the richest empire of the universe to his own. Caundorah the vizir and favourite of Mahomed Schah quarrelled with Nizam al Muluck the viceroy of the fouthern provinces, who had under his jurisdiction very near a fourth part of the empire, and who without rebellion had rendered himself almost independant of the emperor. Bred under the eye of Aurengzebe, Nizam al Muluck censured openly and in the strongest terms, the lethargick and pufillanimous administration, as well as the profligate and dissolute manners of the court; hoping, no doubt, to impair the influence of his rival Caundorah. At last pretending that there could be no remedy to such desperate evils, but in a total revolution of the empire, he advised Thamas Kouli Khan, who had usurped the throne of Persia, to come and take possession of that of Indostan; and Thamas Kouli Khan followed his advice.

MR. FRAZER has left us an authentic account of this extraordinary revolution. An army famished by its own numbers, commanded by chiefs unanimous in nothing but their unwillingness to fight, and these by an emperor who could not command his fears, submitted to enemies whom they outnumbered sive to one: but these enemies had been inured to conflicts under the most desperate soldier of the age, and were rendered invincible by the expectation of plundering the capital of the richest empire in the world. A skirmish decided the sate of this empire. Mahomed Schah laid his regalia at the seet of Thamas Kouli Khan, who took possession of Delhi, plundered it, and massacred a hundred thousand of its inhabitants.

The conqueror referving to himself all the countries lying to the westward of the river Indus and Attock, restored all the rest to Mahomed Schah, and reinstated him in the throne with formalities; after which he returned to Persia, carrying with him out of Indostan a treasure, which in effects, silver, gold and jewels, was valued at more than seventy millions of pounds sterling. He entered India from Kandahar in the beginning of the year 1738, and returned to Kandahar at the end of the year 1739. This dreadful incursion is reckoned to have cost Indostan, besides its treasures, the loss of two hundred thousand lives.

The cruelties exercifed in India by Thamas Kouli Khan, were fuch, that a dervife had the courage to prefent a writing to him, conceived in these terms: "If thou art a god, ast as a god; if thou "art a prophet, condust us in the way of salvation; if thou art a "king, render the people happy, and do not destroy them." To which the barbarian replied, "I am no god, to ast as a god; nor a "prophet, to show the way of salvation; nor a king, to render tho "people happy; but I am he whom God sends to the nations which "he has determined to visit with his wrath."

SECTION III

HE northern nations of India, although idolaters, having fearce a religion, when compared to the multitude of superfittions and ceremonies, which characterise the inhabitants of the southern countries, were easily induced to embrace Mahomedanism, and are at this day the Assighans or Pitans, who sigure so much in all the late revolutions of Delhi. Excepting these, few of the other Indians have been converted.

THE armies which made the first conquests for the heads of the respective dynasties, or for other incursors, left behind them numbers of Mahomedans, who, seduced by a finer-climate and aricher country, forgot their own.

THE Mahomedan princes of India naturally gave a preference to the fervice of mencof their own religion, who, from whatever country they came, were of a more vigorous conflitution than the floutest of the subjected nation: this preference has continually encouraged adventurers from Tartary, Persia, and Arabia, to seek their fortunes under a government, from which they were sure of receiving greater encouragement than they could expect at home.

From these origins, time has formed in India a mighty nation of near ten millions of Mahomedans, whom Europeans call Moors: to them, under the authority of the Great Mogul, the greatest part of Indostan is now subject: but, although the reigning nation, they are out-numbered by the Indians ten to one.

This inferiority of numbers, has obliged the Mahomedans to leave in all parts of Indostan, many Indian princes in possession of their respective sovereignties, which they are permitted to govern without molestation, on condition that they pay the stipulated tribute, and do not infringe

infringe any other part of the treaties by which they or their aneeftors have acknowledged the fovereighty of the Great Mogul. These Indian princes are called Rajahs, i.e. kings. more than one half of the empire is at this day subject to these Rajahs, of whom some are princes of very small territories, and others, such as Jasteing and Jeffemseing mentioned by Mr. Bernier in the history of Aurengaebe, as also the kings of My fore and Tanjore mentioned in the history of the present wars of Coromandel, possess dominions almost as large as the kings of Prussa or Portugal. Many of them pretend to great antiquity of family, and one, whom the emperor Aebar conquered, boasted his descent from Porus.

Besides the Indians who reside in the territories of the Rajahs, there are every where seen great numbers of them in those parts of the country which are immediately subject to the Great Mogul without the interposition of an Indian prince to govern them. They are the only cultivators of the land, and the only manusasturers of the immenses quantities of linnen which are made in the empire; informed that at a distance from the capital cities, the great trading towns, the encumpments of armies, and the high roads, it is rare to see in the villages or fields a Mahomedan employed in any thing except leaving contributions or assume that the first part of the Great Mogul.

INTELLIGENT enquirers affert that there are no written laws amongst the Indruns, but that a few maxims transmitted by tradition supply the place of such a code in the discussion of envil causes; and that the ancient practice, corrected on particular occasions by the good sense of the judge, decides associately in eriminal cases. In all cases derived from the relations of blood, the Indian is worthy to be trusted with the greatest considence; but in cases of property, in which this relation does not exist, as a cunning subtil people they are perpetually in disputes; and for the want of a written code the judice or injustice of the decision depends on the integrity or consists of the judge. Hence the parties prefer to submit their cause to the decision of arbitrators chosen by themselves, rather than to that of the officers appointed by the, government.

THE Alcoran is to the Mahomedans at once the fource of their religious institutions, of their civil law, and of the administration of justice in criminal cases. The two sirst of these heads have been as copiously commented as in any religion or government whatsoever.

THE Mulla in Indostan superintends the practice and punishes the breach of religious duties, the Cadi holds courts in which are tried all disputes of property, and the Catwal is the judge and executor of justice in criminal cases.

An accurate description of the functions allotted to the Cadi and the Mulla, would require a volume, which we have not materials to furnish; and if furnished, this volume would leave us but imperfectly informed of the general administration of justice in the cases supposed to fall under the jurisdiction of these officers; since the sovereign or his delegate perpetually wrests all kinds of causes from the common forms of trial, and decides them himself without appeal. Some notion of the Catwal is given by Mr. Thevenot: the punishments inslicted by this tribunal, are different from those prescribed by the Alcoran; from the precepts of which the Catwal likewise deviates in exercising the torture, and it contradicts them, in being always open to bribery.

We see in those parts of Indostan which are frequented by the European nations, the customs or laws which regard lands subject to contradictions, not easily reconcileable. The husbandman who possesses a few fields has the power of selling and bequeathing them, at the same time that the district in which these fields are included is annually let out by the government to a renter, who pays a certain sum of money to the lord of the country, and receives from the cultivator a certain part of his harvests. The renter sometimes quarrels with the husbandman, and displaces him from his possessions: clamours as against the highest degree of injustice ensue; the prince interferes, and generally redresses the poor man, who has so much need of support in such a cause of misery; and if he fails to give this proof of his inclination to justice, he is held in execration, and deemed capable of any iniquity.

In all the countries absolutely subjected, the Great Mogul stiles himself proprietor of all the lands, and gives portions of them at will as revenues for life to his seudatories; but still these grants take not away from the cultivator the right of fale and bequest. The policy of all the Indian governments of Indostan, as well as that of the Great Mogul, feems to confift more in a perpetual attention to prevent any one family from obtaining great possessions, than in the intention of multiplying oppressions upon the body of the people; for fuch a flavery would foon leave the monarch little grandeur to boast of, and few subjects to command. As all acquisitions of land are subject to the inspection of the government, the man who should attempt to make himself proprietor of a large estate in land, would be refused the certificates necessary to put him in possession, and would be marked as a victim necessary to be facilified to the bolicy of the flate. From what we fee in the histories of this and other eastern countries, the violences committed among the great, lead us to think that the man of more humble condition is subject to still greater violences; when, on the contrary, this humility is the best of protections.

THE Feudatory, by the acceptance of a certain title and the penfion which accompanies it, acknowledges the Great Mogul his heir. No man, from the Vizir downwards, has any trust of importance, reposed in him but on these terms, and on his decease the whole of his property that can be found is feized for the use of the emperor, who gives back to the family what portion he pleases. The estates of all who are not feudatories descend to the natural beirs.

THESE barriers raifed against the aggrandizement of particular families became absolutely needlary in a state, necessitated to repote very great trusts in certain individuals.

THE whole extent of Indolfan is not divided into more than twentyfour provinces: each of these include several Indian principalities. A very large army ready to move at the first warning was found neces-E 2

fary to coerce the Rajahs; the same force divided under several distinct commanders would have been inessectual. Hence it was necessary to give a large tract of country to the government of a single officer, or to relinquish the design of extending the dominion.

This officer, now well known in Europe by the title of Nabob, was made subject to the control of others who resided in the province with him, and over whom he had no authority. The sovereign reserved to himself the power of life and death. Civil causes were reserved to the Cadi, and the revenues and expences of the province were subject to the examination of the Duan, who managed the customs and took possession for the emperor of the estates of the seudatories who died. The Great Mogul gave the government of the strongest holds in the province to governors who were in nothing subject to the Nabob. He was called to court, kept there, or translated into another government, whenever the ministry thought these changes necessary; and there was a time when they were so frequent, that a new Nabob left Delhi riding contrary to the usual manner with his back turned to the head of his elephant, and gave for a reason, "That he was looking out for his successor."

The divisions of the royal family gave the Nabobs of provinces distant from the capital, opportunities of acquiring a stability in their governments, and the court was now content to receive a stipulated sum, in lieu of the real revenues of the province, in which the Nabob became little less than absolute, and had nothing to fear but an army from Delhi, which was always coming, and never came. But even before they arrived at this state of independence, we find them exercising the cruel caprices of despotism on wretches too weak to raise their complaints to the throne. Mandlessow tells a story of a Nabob who cut off the heads of a set of dancing girls, that is, of a company of very handsome women, because they did not come to his palaee on the first summons. In Tavernier we see a man, who murders his wise, sour children, and thirteen slaves, and is lest unpunished, because he is the person on whom the Nabob relied for the cure of a distemper.

The relations of all the travellers into Indoftan abound with examples of the vices of these princes. It has been observed, that all the Mahomedans established in India acquire, in the third generation, the indolence and pusillanimity of the original inhabitants, and at the same time a cruelty of character to which the Indians are at prefent happily strangers. Hence we are almost induced to give affent to the opinion, that the prohibition of shedding blood of any kind, inculcated by the Indian religion, was a political institution, wisely calculated to change into gentler manners the sanguinary disposition, which is said to have characterised all the inhabitants of Indostan before the religion of Brama was introduced amongst them.

The End of the Dissertation.

TO THE READER.

Dow has published a translation of The History of the Mahomedan Conquerors in Indostan, written originally in Persic by Ferishta. This work of Ferishta is an abridgement of other historians, and extends from the beginning of the reign of Seregrechin, the first of the Ghaznavide Monarchs who made conquests in Indostan, to the end of the reign of the Emperor Acbar; that is, from the year 977 to 1605 of our Æra; and of the Mahomedan, from 365 to 1014.

FERISHTA gives the origin and regular succession of all the Kings of Ghazna and emperors of Delhi during this period, the progress of their conquests in Indostan, and the other principal events of their reigns; and thus supplies the voids and impersections of the historical part of our Dissertation on the Establishments made by Mahomedan Conquerors in Indostan. We have, nevertheless, left our differtation in its sirst state, that the attention of the Reader might be directed to the work of Ferishta, which is the most curious and valuable piece of Oriental history, of which a translation has hitherto been given to Europe.

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INTRODUCTION.

HE English establishments in the kingdom of Indostan are divided into three governments, independent of each other. Bombay commands the factories on the western side of the pennsula, commonly called the Malabar coast; together with those in Persia: the establishments and possessions on the eastern or Coromandel coast are under the government of Madrass: and those in Bengal depend on Calcutta. From the year 1745 to the conclusion of the late peace, the English have been continually engaged

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engaged in war, in one or other of these divisions: and the preservation of their commerce in the East-Indies absolutely depended on the conduct and success of the wars of Coromandel and Bengal. We have therefore thought that a general history of their military transactions in Indostan, during this period, would not be unacceptable to the public; more especially as there is no part of the world in which the British arms have, of late years, acquired more honour.

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HE war declared between Great Britain and France in 1744, extended its operations to the fettlements of the two nations in India; peace was no fooner restored to them by the treaty of Aixla-Chapelle, than they took up arms against one another, on the coast of Coromandel, as allies to two Moorish lords contending for the possession of the province of Carnatica. The competition between these lords had its rife in events, which happened several years before the English or French took part in it; it therefore becomes necessary to describe those events; and as the government, policy, and customs of the nations of Indostan differ greatly from those of Europe, we shall endeavour, in the course of our narrative, to give as much of their, character and manners, as appears necessary for the intelligence of the facts which we relate.

. Most of the countries which have been conquered by the Great Mogul in the peninfula of India, are comprized under one vicerovalty, called from its fituation the Decan, or fouth. From the word Soubah, fignifying a province, the viceroy of this vall territory, is called Soubahdar, and by Europeans improperly Soubah. Of the countries under his jurifdiction, fome are entirely subjected to the throne of Delhi, and governed by Mahomedans, whom Europeans as improperly call Moors; whilst others remain under the government of their original Indian princes or, Rajahs, and are fuffered to follow their aucient F 2 11

modes on condition of paying tribute to the Great Mogul. The Moorish governors depending on the Soubah, assume, when treating with their inferiors, the title of Nabob, which signifies Deputy: but this in the registers of the throne is synonimous to Soubahdar, and the greatest part of those who stile themselves Navabs, or Nabobs, are ranked at Delhi under the title of Phous-dar, which is much inferior to that which they assume, signifying no more than the commander of a body of forces. The Europeans established in the territories of these Pseudo-Nabobs (if we may be allowed the expression) sollowing the example of the natives with whom they have most intercourse, have agreed in giving them the title they so much affect. In deference therefore to the custom which has prevailed, we shall leave them in possession of it, and in the course of our parration shall like, wise distinguish the great viceroy by that of Soubah.

A Nabob ought to hold his commission from Delhi, and if at his death a successor has not been previously appointed by the Great Mogul, the Soubah has the right of naming a person to administer the Nabobship until the will of the Sovereign is known; but a Nabobship until he is consumed from Delhi. The Soubah receives from the several Nabobs the annual revenues of the crown, and remits them to the treasury of the Empire. The Nabobs are obliged to accompany him in all military expeditions within the extent of his viceroyalty, but not in any without that extent. These regulations were intended to place them in such a state of dependance on the Soubah as should render them subservient to the interests of the Empire, and at the same time leave them in a state of independance, which would render it difficult for the Soubah to make use of their assistance to brave the throne.

THE constitution of the Mogul Empire began to lose its vigour immediately after the death of Aurengzebe, the ablest monarch that ever reigned over Indostan; but fince the dreadful incursion of the Persians under Thamas Kouli Khan, it has declined daily more and more: so that during the last fifty years, Soubahs have been seen to maintain themselves in their governments against the will of the throne, and have consequently appointed Nabobs under them with as little regard

to its authority; Nabobs likewife have kept poffelfion of their governments in opposition both to the Soubah and the throne; and what is more extraordinary in the offices of a despote state, both Soubahs and Nabobs have named their successors, who have often succeeded with as little opposition as if they had been the heirs apparent of an hereditary dominion. What we have said of the government of the southern provinces, is equally applicable to all the other Soubaships of the empire.

The Carnatic is one of the most considerable Nabobships dependant on the Soubah of the Decan: from its capital it is likewise named the province of Arcot; but its present limits are greatly inferior to those which bounded the ancient Carnatic before it was conquered by the Great Mogul; for we do not find that the Nabobs of Arcot have ever extended their authority beyond the river Gondegama to the north, the great chain of mountains to the west, and he borders of the kingdoms of Tritchinopoly, Tanjore, and Mysore athesouth. The sea bounds it to the east. It was not before the neginning of the present century that this country was entirely reluced by the Moors.

SADATULIA, a regular and acknowledged Nabob of the Carnatic, raving no issue, adopted the two sons of his brother; appointing the elder, Doast-ally, to succeed in the Nabobship; and conferring on the younger, Boker-ally, the government of Velore; he likewise directed that Gulam Hassein, the nephew of his savourite wife, should be Duan or prime minister to his successor. Having reigned from the year-1710.to 1732, he died much regretted by his subjects.

The difpositions he had made were fulfilled without opposition or lifficulty; but Nizam-al-muluck, the Soubah of the southern provinces, beheld the accellion of Doalt-ally with aversion, since it took effect without that deference to his authority which he was determined to establish throughout all the governments under his jurisdiction. The jealousy of this powerful superior prevented Doast-ally from procuring a regular confirmation from Delhi; it is said that he only obtained some letters of approbation from the vizir, without the proper forms of an authentic commission.

.Doast-Ally had two fons, of whom the eldest, Subder-ally, was arrived at man's estate when his father succeeded to the Nabobship; he had likewise several daughters, one of whom he had at that time given in marriage to his nephew Mortiz-ally, son of Boker-ally; and another to a more distant relation named Chunda-saheb. This lord gave his own daughter by a former wife in marriage to Gulam Haffein, and availing himself of the incapacity of his son-in-law, obtained the Nabob's permission to administer the office of Duan in his stead.

THE kingdoms of Tritchinopoly and Tanjore, although tributary to the Great Mogul, were each of them governed by its own prince or Rajah, and the care of levying the tributes of these countries was intrusted to the Nabobs of Arcot, who were sometimes obliged to. fend an army to facilitate the collection of them. The death of the king of Tritchinopoly in 1736, was followed by difputes between the queen and a prince of the royal blood, which produced a confusion in the government sufficient to give the Nabob of Arcot hopes of subjecting the kingdom to his authority. He therefore determined to fend an army under the command of his fon Subder-ally and the Duan Chunda-faheb to feize any opportunity which might offer of getting possession of the city of Tritchinopoly; but to prevent suspicions, the collection of the tribute was given out as the only intention of the expedition, and the army was ordered to move lei-. furely down to the fea-coast, before they proceeded to the fouth: accordingly they came to Madrais, where they remained some days, and then went to Pondicherry, where they staid a longer time; during which, Chunda-saheb laid the sirst-foundation of his connexions with the French government in that city: from hence they marched to Tritchinopoly,

By intrigues, of which we have not the details, Chunda-saheb prevailed on the queen to admit him with a body of troops into the city, having first taken an oath on the Koran, that he would act in nothing to her detriment: the people of the country fay that she fell in love with him; if so, she was ill requited, for he soon after seduced the garrison, seized the city, and confined her to a prison, where she died of grief. The submission of the rest of the kingdom soon followed that of.

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of the capital, after which, Subder-ally leaving Chunda-faheb to govern these new requisitions, returned to his fither at Arcot, who appointed Nicer-afful, the precentor of Subder-ally, to fucceed Chunda-fiheli in the office of Duan

THE new Duan was well acquainted with the ambitious character of his predec-flor, and represented to Subder-11h the consequences which were to be apprehended from a man of fuch dangerous views, placed in a government of such importunce. Subder-alls saw his error when it was too late to redrefs it; for when he reprefented to his father the necessity of recalling Chunda-fahels to Arcot, the Nabob, apprehensive of open ruptures in his family, and attached to his for in law from an opinion of his abilities, could not be induced to follow Meer-all'ul's advice-

CHUNDA SAHEB hearing what had been attempted against him, took measures to secure himself he put the city of Fritchinopoly in a good flate of defence, and placed his two brothers in the firongest towns dependant on his fovereignty, Buda-faheb in Madura, and Saduck falieb in Dindigul but notwithstanding these preparations, he determined not to throw off his allegiance to the Nabob, before he should be openly atticked

In the mean time Nizam al-muluck's refentments against the family of Doult ally increased with their acquisitions, for, notwithfrinding the independency affected by Chunda faheb, he did not doubt that the force of Fritchmopoly would niways be united with that of Arcot, whenever danger from foreign powers should threaten either of the two governments. But his attention was for fome years taken up by affur, of much greater importance than the reducing of this family to his obedience. At one time, he was prepared to join the Great Mogul, whom he wished to fee dethroned, against Thamas Kouli Khang whom he had invited to invade the Empire and after the Perfian left Indoffun, he was obliged to keep his arms turned towards Delhi, where he was equally dicaded and deteffed Thus prevented from marching into the Carnatic, he at length determined to give the Morattoes permission to attack it By this measure he satisfied, in part, the obligations he lay under to that nation,

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-tion, and at the same time employed a force, which, next to his own, was the most capable of conquering the dominions of Doast-ally.

THE country of the Morattoes lies between Bombay and Gol-Kondah: its limits are not known with any degree of certainty to Europeans, and we are equally ignorant of the origin and history of the people. It is now a century that they have made a figure as the most enterprifing foldiers of Indostan, and as the only nation of Indians, which feems to make war an occupation by choice; for the Rajpouts are foldiers by birth. Of late years they have often been at the gates of Delhi; fometimes in arms against the throne: at others, in desence of it against the Asighans or Pitans. The strength of their armies confifts in their numerous cavalry, which is more capable of refifting fatigue than any in India; large bodies of them having been known to march fifty miles in a day. They avoid general engagements, and feem to have no other idea in making war, but that of doing as much mischief as possible to the enemy's country. This they effect by driving off the cattle, destroying the harvest, burning the villages, and by exercifing fuch cruelties as makes the people of the open country take flight on the first rumours of their approach, The rapidity of their motions leaves the prince with whom they wage war little chance of striking a decisive blow against them, or even of attacking with effect any of their detachments. Hence the expence of maintaining an army in the field with very little probability of even fighting such an enemy, and the greater detriment arising from the devastations they commit, generally induce the governments they attack to purchase their retreat with money. Great parfimony in their expences, and continued collections of treasure by the means now described, have been the principal causes of raising them, in less than a century, from a people of inconsiderable note, to a nation which at present-strikes terror into all the countries between Delhi and Cape Comorin. They often let out bodies of men, and fometimes whole armies; but the hiring of them is a dangerous re-fource; for the offer of better terms feldom fails to make them change sides: and they seldom relinquish their practice of plundering even in the countries which they are hired to defend, But notwithstanding their

their warlike character, they are in other respects, the most forupulous observers of the religion of Brama, never enting of any thing that has life, nor even killing the infects which moleft them. however, a buffulo facrificed, with many firinge ceremonies, atones for the blood of their own species which they shed in war.

Before the Carnatic was conquered by the Great Mogul, the Morattoes were in polletling of feveral fortrelles and territories in the country retreating from which before the arms of the Moors, they finulated to receive annually a portion of the revenues, as a recompence for the possessions which they relinquished, and as a tribute for defifting from their usual predatory incursions into the province. The Nabobs of Areot had for many years neglected to pay this tra-bute, and the Morattoes had refrained from their usual methods of obtaining reparation, from no other motive than their great fear of Nizam al-muluck but this reftrant was now removed by the encouragement which they received from him to invade the Caintic. At the fame time the kings of Myfore and Tanjore, in refertment of the injuries they had suffered from Chunda-saheb in his government of Tritchinopoly, meited them, as brethren of the fime religion, to attack the Carnatic, and to revenge the violations committed in their temples and holy places by that Mahomedan governor, and the Moors in his fervice

In the month of May, 1740, an army of 10000 Morattoes, under the command of Ragogee Bonfola, approached the province with their ufual rapidity, and arrived at the mountains, which feptrate it from the western country, before Doast ally was able to collect the whole of his forces to oppose them, for a large part of his army happened at that time to be employed to the fouthward, under the command of his fon Subder-ally The Nabob, however, marched from Arcot with what troops he was able to affemble. about 4000 horse and 6000 foot, and with these determined to defend the paffes of Damal-cherri, through which the Morattoes intended to enter the province, until he could be fuccoured by his fon's army, and the other troops of the province, which were allvancing to his aftiffance it is thought he would have succeeded in this in-

tention if he had not been betrayed by one of his officers, an Indian, who fuffered the Morattoes to pass the station where he commanded. The next day, being the 20th of May, the whole army appeared in the Nabob's rear, which was not defended by intrenchments, and having every advantage, attacked his troops with great fury; who, encouraged by the example of their prince, defended themselves resolutely for several hours, until they saw him, together with his son Hassan-ally, sall dead from their elephants on the field of battle; the rout was then general; most of the principal officers of the army were slain, and Meer-assud; the Duan, was taken prisoner:

Subder-ally, with the troops under his command, was advanced as far as Arcot when he heard of his father's fate, upon which he immediately took refuge in Velore. Chunda-saheb likewise took the field with 5000 horse and 10000 foot, giving out that he intended to march to the Nabob's assistance; but by contrived delays he kept at a distance from the field of battle, and as soon as he heard of the Nabob's defeat, hastened back to Tritchinopoly.

The Morattoes, after their victory, fent detachments to plunder and levy contributions in every part of the province, but found that what they acquired by these means did not answer their expectations; for the wealthy inhabitants had removed all their valuable effects into ' the ftrong holds with which the province abounds. Thus difappointed, they readily liftened to the proposals of their prisoner Meerassud, who was empowered by Subder-ally from Velore to treat with them; it was agreed that they should be paid, at stated periods, 10,000,000 of rupees, equal to one year's revenue of the province, on condition that they quitted the Carnatic immediately; thus much was made public, but another article was kept fecret. As foon as the treaty was ratified, Subder-ally affumed the title and authority of Nabob; but this power was now fo much impaired, that Chundafaheb thinking he had nothing to apprehend from it, came to Arcot to do homage to him: however, the splendor of his retinue, and the military force which accompanied him, made him appear rather the equal than the dependant of Subder-ally. The

The fortifications of Pondicherry were at this time in fuch reputation, amongst a people who had never before feen any thing equal to them, that the late Nabob, as well as Subder-ally and Chunda-faheb, had fent their wives, children, and treasures, to remain there during the war. As foon as the Morattoes quitted the province, Subder-ally and Chunda-faheb, attended by a large retinue, went to Pondicherry, where they flayed feveral days. Subder-ally returning to Arcot, took with him his own and his father's family; but Chunda-faheb proceeding to Tritchiuopaly, left the women of his family and one of his fous there.

In the month of December the province was again struck with consternation by the return of the same army of Morattoes which had lately afflicted it with fo many calamities. This fecond irruption was in confequence of the fecret engagement which they had made with Subder-ally.

Besides the sum of money which he had agreed to pay them, they had farther inlifted on receiving fome territories in fovereignty, and in this demand Meer-afful found them fo inflexible, that, confidering the territories of Tritchinopoly served only to render the power of Chunda-faheb formidable to his mafter, he confented to yield those countries to the Morattoes, on condition that they should attack them at their own expence: this they agreed to do, and at the same time engaged to dispose of Chunda-saheb, if he fell into their hands, in such a manner as should be most conducive to the interests of the Nabob of Arcot.

Tritehinopoly was strongly fortified in the Indian manner of defence; and Chunda-faheb, on the first news of the approach of the Morattoes against Doast-ally, stored it with a great quantity of grain, which is confidered as the best security of a fortified place amought a people who are very little skilled in the use of cannon or other engines of battery. Meer-affud therefore forefeeing that he would be able to protract his defence as long as his provisions lasted, advised the Morattoes to quit the Carnatie, and to encamp at fuch a distance as might prevent any suspicion of their intentions to return. This artful conduct produced the effect intended by it; for Chunda-faheb imagining that the Morattoes were meditating expeditions into other G 2

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provinces, fold his flores of grain; of which they no fooner received intelligence than they fet out from their camp at Sevegunga, and by very expeditious marches appeared in fight of Tritchinopoly before he could remedy the diffress to which he had so unwarily reduced it.

They invested the city closely, and were attentive to prevent the introduction of any supplies or reinforcements; nevertheless the brothers of Chunda-saheh attempted to relieve it. Buda-saheb advanced from Madura with a large convoy of provisions, escorted by 3000 horse and 7000 foot: the Morattoes detached 20000 men to intercept this reinforcement, which desended itself with bravery until Buda-saheb sell, when the death of the leader was followed by a general rout, as it always happens in the battles of Indostan: they cut off Buda-saheb's head, and sent it to Chunda-saheb as a consirmation of his brother's defeat. Another detachment attacked Sadnek-saheb, approaching from Dindigul with 1500 horse and 3000 foot, who were likewise deseated after a sharp sight, which ended with the death of Saduck-saheb.

Chunda-faheb, notwithflanding these missortunes, continued to defend the city with great resolution, and protracted the siege until the greatest part of his provisions was confumed, and a considerable number of his men, with some of his best officers, killed ; the dread of famine had also caused many to desert: those remaining, worn out with fatigues, called upon him with one voice to furrender. He delivered up the city and himfelf or the 26th of March, 1741, after having sustained a siege of three months. The Morattoes placed him, with his fon, and feveral principal officers, under the ffrictest confinement, intending to be well paid for the ranfom of their per-After some time spent in draining Tritchinopoly of all they could find valuable in it, they appointed Morari-row, one of their generals, viceroy of the kingdom, and leaving 14000 of their best troops under his command, returned to their own country, where they confined their prisoners in a strong fort in the neighbourhood of Sattarah their metropolis.

The Morattoes, by the possession of Tritchinopoly, were now become of enemies, allies to Subder-ally; and the imprisonment of Chunda-saheb at such a distance from the Carnatic, removed the only

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only leader deemed capable of exciting intestine commotions. But the resentment of Nizam-al-muluck still remained to be appeased, which could only be done by remitting to him those large arrears of revenues which the Nabob Doast-ally, availing himself of the convulsions of the empire, had withheld. Subder-ally therefore was convinced that a storm would break upon him from this quarter as soon as Nizam-al-muluck himself should have none to fear from Delhi: but as this time was not yet come, he determined not to exhaust his treasures from the apprehension of dangers, which, although probable, were still uncertain; he amused Nizam-al-muluck with humble excuses, sounded on the poverty to which he pretended to be reduced by the incursion of the Morattoes, and even demeaned himself so far as to give out he intended to go to Arabia, and there spend the remainder of his days in acts of devotion at the tomb of his prophet.

The poverty to which he pretended to be reduced was as little real as the fairit of devotion which he affected, for the greatest part of his father's treasures had been preserved under the care of his mother, when the took refuge in Pondicherry. However, the late calamities left fuch an impression of terror upon his mind, that he did not venture to keep his court in the open and defenceless city of Arcot, but took up his refidence in Velore, which was well fortified, and its entadel built two hundred years ago by the Morattoes, the ftrongeft in the Carnatic; with the fame fairlt of precaution he fent the women and children of his family, together with his treasures, to Madrais; giving this preference to the English nation by the advice of Meeraffud, who already suspected the connexions which sublisted between Chunda-fahel and Mr. Dupleix, the governor of Pondicherry. From Velore the Nabob made feveral vifits to his family at Madrafs, and these journies were reported to Nizam-al-muluck as proofs of his intention to proceed from thence by fea to Mecca.

The commanders of all the towns and forts in the Carnatic had been affelfed in fums proportioned to their incomes, which were levied at flated periods, in order to discharge the ranfom of the province due to the Morattoes. The government of Velore was the richeft

richest fief subject to the Nabobship of Arcot, and by the treasures which Mortiz-ally inherited from his father, as also by a very parsimonious management of the revenues of his government, he was become the richest man in the province. Having married the sister of Subder-ally, and being likewise nearly related to him by birth, he thought that these titles of kindred, joined to the reception which he gave to the Nabob and his court, would excuse him from the neceffity of furnishing what remained due of his proportion of the general affeffment; but the Nabob, who knew the Morattoes were not to be disappointed with impunity, and who was as unwilling as Mortiz-ally to difburse his private treasures until the last extremity, determined to obliged him to furnish his contingent with the same punctuality as the other governors of the province. Many of these were attentive to the conduct of the governor of Velore, and were ready to withhold their proportions of the affessment as soon as they should find a respectable leader to set the example, and to support them in the consequences of refusing to obey the Nabob's orders; they therefore confederated with Mortiz-ally, and represented to him, that Nizam-al-muluck, the Soubah of the fouthern provinces, would behold with fatisfaction even the most desperate measure which might be taken by the officers of the Carnatic, against a prince who paid so little deference to his authority.

Mortiz-ally, born cruel and treacherous, had no restraints in his composition to stop his hand from the perpetration of any crime by which his avarice, ambition, or revenge could be gratisted: he was indeed by many suspected of being uncommonly descient in personal courage, but this persuasion seems to have taken its rise from the suspections habits of his domestic life; since he never moved, even in his own palace, without being surrounded by guards, nor ever ventured to taste any thing that was not brought to him in a vessel to which his wife had affixed her seal. The Nabob therefore held the pusillanimous character of his brother-in-law in the greatest contempt, and apprehended no danger from a man who lived in perpetual apprehensions of poison from his own family and domestics. Mortiz-ally still continued to evade the payment of his arrears of the assessment; and the

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Nabob, wearied by trifling excuses, one day in public imprudently threatened to disposses him of his government, if he evaded any longer to comply with his orders. This outrage immediately slung him into the closest connection with the distaissed governors, who now flattered his ambition, by affuring him that they would acknowledge him Nabob of Arcot as soon as Subder-ally should be removed.

The Nabob's army was encamped within the fuburbs and under the walls of Velore: a body of guards and a numerous retinue conflantly attended bim within the fort, fo that he feemed in no danger from open violence, or feeret treachery. But nothing of the conpiracy transpired; and he was unfortunately confirmed in his fecurity by the extreme humility with which Mortiz-ally carried himself after the outrage he had received.

At the time of that festival to which the Mahomedans of Indoftan have the greatest devotion, all the Nabob's servants asked permission to be absent for two or three days to celebrate it in their own families. Contrary to the usual custom of the courts of Indostan, the Nabob fuffered all his retinue and guards, excepting four perfons, to quit him; and fo little was he suspicious of the danger to which he exposed himself by this unguarded indulgence, that he even defired some of the officers and menial servants of Mortiz-ally might attend him during the absence of his own. Mortiz-ally determined not to lose this opportunity, which was such as might never offer again, to Arike the blow he had meditated. On the 2d of October, the day -after the Nabob's retinue had left him, the victuals prepared for his table were poisoned. The Nabob had fearcely finished his meal before he began to be greatly difordered, and although the firength of his constitution, with timely affishance, enabled him to throw off the mortal effects of the poilon, yet it left him much enfeebled. Even this attack did not thoroughly awaken his fuspicions, which those of Mortiz-ally's family, who waited on him, contributed to stiffe, by reprefeuting his indisposition to be the access of a bilious disorder, very common in India. Mortiz-ally knew he had no time to lofe. and proposed to some of his officers, in whom he had the most considence, to go and put an end to the Nabob's life. It is faid that all refused

refused to serve him in this cruel commission, excepting one, whose wife Subder-ally had formerly debauched: this man, a Pitan, having engaged some Abyshinian slaves, led them at midnight to the Nabob's apartment, where the sew servants who attended the Nabob were asserptionally as a subject of the Nabob himself, and prevented from making resistance. The Nabob himself, instead of taking up his arms, attempted to make his escape through a window. The leader of the assassing seized him before he could pass through it, and upbraiding him with the injury of his adultery, and exulting in the revenge he was taking, killed him with several stabs of a poniard.

Mcer-assud the Duan was in the fort, and the inviolable attachment which this minister was known to bear to his master, suggested to Mortiz-ally the intention of destroying so dangerons a witness of the murder which he had committed. The orders were given to put him to death, when some of Mortiz-ally's officers represented to him the necessity of preserving the life of a man, from whom alone he could obtain that knowledge of the assairs of the Carnatic, which would be necessary for his own conduct, as soon as he should be declared Nabob. These representations were dictated by reverence to the character of Meer-assud, whose virtues preserved him in this instant of imminent danger from the destruction to which he had been doomed.

The gates of the fort of Velore were strictly guarded during this night of terror, and those only who produced a particular permission were suffered to pass out the ensuing day. So that the news of Subder-ally Khan's death was carried the next morning to the army encamped near Velore, by emissaries employed by Mortiz-ally himself, who represented it as an accident in which their master had no part, and imputed it to the sudden resentment of some of the principal officers, of whom the Nabob had treated several with ignominious language, and had affronted one by a blow. But such was the general opinion of Mortiz-ally's character, that the soldiery immediately slew to their arms, and cried out in tumult, that their Nabob had been affassinated by the governor of Velore. The principal officers of the army were absent celebrating the feast;

feast; and the foldiery left to their own conduct, in the first impulse of detestation, threatened to storm the fort memodiately, and to massacre all who were in it; but, on recollection of its strength, this resolution fulfided, and they agreed to wait the return of their officers, before they should proceed to extremities. The emissaries of Mortizally took advantage of this fuspension of their rage, and called to their recollection the great arrears of pay, which were due to them from, Subder-ally, who, although well able, had confrantly evaded to fatisfy their demands: whereas if the army, they faid, would admit Mortizally's pretentions to the Nabobship of Arcot, and declare in his fayour, he would doubtless agree to pay all that was due to them.

The armies of the Mahomedan princes of Indostan are composed of a number of diffinct bodies of troops inlifted by different leaders; who, with their bands, enter into, and quit the fervice of different princes, according to the advantages which they expect to receive. Hence the degree of reliance which a prince can have on his army is proportioned to the treasures of which he is possessed, joined to his inclination to diffurfe them; and it is common in the ways of Indostan to see large bodies of troops going over to the enemy on the very field of battle. The army at Velore forgot its refentments against Mortiz-ally in proportion as the terms proposed by his emisfaries appeared to be real. The officers, as they arrived in the camp. were immediately brought over to his interest by presents; accounts were adjusted, times of payment were stipulated, and all, officers as well as foldiers, agreed to acknowledge Mortiz-ally Nabob of the Carnatic, within two days after he had murdered Subder-ally. .

Mortiz-ally now pitched his tents without the gates of Velore, and caused himself to be proclaimed Nabob. In November he made his entry with pomp into the city of Arcot, and was again proclaimed there.

As foon as the first agitations which this sudden and unexpected revolution had occasioned began to subside, several of the principal officers in the Carnatic communicated to one another their fentiments on his accession, and concurred in a detestation of it: These H

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applied to Morari-row, the Morattoe governor of Tritchinopoly, who did not hefitate to declare openly against him. The English at Madrass were requested to protect the son and family of Subder-ally, together with their wealth, notwithstanding any menaces which they might receive from Mortiz-ally; who did not fail to demand this prey, and had the vexation to find it placed out of his reach. Several of the principal officers of the army, won by the friends of Subder-ally's family, engaged to effect a general revolt. On a sudden the army demanded immediate payment of the whole of their arrears, which at Velore they had agreed to receive at distant periods, and surrounding the palace in tumult, accompanied their demands with threats.

Mortiz-ally had not courage to fland this florm; but immediately determined to place himfelf out of the reach of danger. Women of rank in Indoflan never appear in public; and travel in covered carriages, which are very rarely flopped or examined even in times of suspicion. He therefore disguised himself in a woman's dress, quitted Arcot in the night, in a covered Pallankin, accompanied by several female attendants, and in this equipage gained his fort of Velore without interruption.

As foon as his flight was discovered, the army proclaimed Seid Mahomed Khan, the son of Subder-ally, an infant who resided in Madrass with his mother. The government of the province was entrusted to a Duan chosen by the friends of the family, and the young Nabob and his mother were removed from Madrass to Vandiwash, the fort of Tuckia-saheb, who had married one of the sisters of Subder-ally.

These revolutions in the Carnatic happened at a time when Nizam-al-muluck, having no longer any thing to apprehend from the politics of the court of Delhi, where he had obtained for his son Ghazi-o'din Khan the post of captain general of the Mogul's armies, was preparing to visit the Carnatic. He lest Gol-Kondah in the beginning of the year 1743, and arrived at Arcot in the month of March following. His army is said to have consisted of 80,000 horse and 200,000 foot. Their numbers, and the reputation of their leader,

leader, deterred all the princes of the countries through which they paffed from making any refiftance: and they entered the province of Arcot with as little opposition. When arrived at the city, Nizamal-muluck was fituck with amazement at the anarchy which prevailed in every part of the government. Every governor of a fort, and every commander of a diffrict, had assumed the title of Nabob, and had given to the officers of his retinue the Erne names as distinguished the persons who held the most considerable employments in the court of the Soubab. One day, after having received the homage of several of these little lords, Nizam-al-muluck field, that he had that day seen no less than eighteen Nabobs in the Carnatie; whereas he had always imagined that there was but one in all the southern provinces. He then turned to his guards, and ordered them to scourge the first person who, for the surrer, should in his presence assume the title of Nabob.

The young fon of Subder-ally, accompanied by feveral of his principal officers, paid his vifit of homage to the Soubah, who re-fuled him the permillion of returning to Vandjwath, and ordered fome of his own officers to take charge of his perfon, directing them to treat him with lenity and respect. He then appointed Coja-Ab-dulla Khan, the general of his army, Nabob of Arcot, and of all its dependencies, and fent a summons, to Dorari-row, the governor of Tritchinopoly, to surrender the city. Finding that the Morattoe persisted in resusing to obey his orders, he marcsied with his whole army, and sat down before it: presents and promises supplied the place of hostilities in reducing it. In the month of August Morari-row evacuated Tritchinopoly, and foon after quitted the Carnatic with all his Morattoes.

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Nizam-al-muluck having thus fettled the affairs of the province without unfheathing the fword, returned to Gol-Kondah. Coja Abdullah continued to command the army until it arrived there; leaving one of his dependants to adminisfer the government of Arcot during his absence. It was not before the month of March in the next year that he prepared to return, and after having been diffinguished with particular honours on the day that he took leave of the

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Soubah, was the next morning found dead in his bed. His body bore marks of poison; but as the hand from which it came could never be discovered, it was imputed to the person who received the most advantage from it, by succeeding him in the government of the Carnatic. This was An'war-odean, who was immediately nominated to that employment, and arrived at Arcot in the month of April.

The introduction of this stranger into the Carnatic was the source of many of the events which it is the intention of this narrative to commemorate; and there are so many and such injurious misrepresentations of his origin, and of that part of his life which preceded his accession to the Nabobship, that it is necessary to invalidate them by an impartial description of his history.

Anawar, the father of An'war-odean, distinguished himself by his great erudition, and by the application of it to explanations of the original text of the Koran: he made the pilgrimage of Mecca, without which proof of piety it is difficult, among Mahomedans, to acquire the reputation of a truly devout man. At his return from this voyage he was appointed by Aurengzebe, to be one of those religious officers who are appointed to offer up daily prayers for the health and prosperity of the sovereign. In consequence of this appointment, he received a penfiqu, and was ennobled by being ranked as a commander of 250 horse, with the right of taking the title of Khan, which fignifies Lord, or rather Chieftain. This title would appear incompatible with the character of a religious man, if every title of nobility in Indostan did not consist in a military commission; by which it is supposed, although rarely insisted on, that the person who receives the commission shall maintain a certain number of horse for the Emperor's service. With these honours and advantages Anawar retired to Gopee-mahoo, and there finished his days.

His fon An'war-odean went to court with recommendations from his father, which procured him a title of the fame rank as had been given to his father: he was afterwards raifed to the command of 500 horse, and was appointed governor of the district of Coora-Gehanabad.

naled. Ill foccess, or perhaps ill conduct, preventing him from being able to pay the usual revenues of his government to the throne, he quitted it privately and went to Amedabad. Here Gazi-o'din Khan, the Soulah of the fouthern provinces, gave him a post of confiderable truft and profit in the city of Surat, whilft his friends at Delhi took care to prevent further enquiries concerning him, by reporting him dead. After the death of Gazi-o'din Khan, father of Nizam-al-muluck, An'war-odeau went to pay his court to Nizamal-muluck, who had fuecceded to the Soubahfhip of the fouthern provinces, and was by him appointed Nabob of the Yalore and Rajamundrum countries, which he governed from the year 1725 to 1741. When Nizam-al-muluck was preparing to vifit the Carnatic, An'warodean attended his court, and was left by him in one of the principal stations in the city and territory of Gol-Kondah; and a very few days after the death of Coja Abdulla, Nizam-al-muluck appointed him to administer the government of the Carnatic, in which choice he feems to have been influenced by his opinion of the necellity of placing a province, in which he suspected commotions, under the direction of a brave and experienced foldier; fuch was An'war-odean.

There is no country in which the titles of descent are less infirumental to the fortunes of men than they are in Indollan; none but those of the royal blood are considered as hereditary nobility; to all others, the exclusion is so absolute, that a new act from the force reign is necessary to ennoble even the fon of the Grand Vizir of the empire. The field of fortune is open to every man who has courage enough to make use of his sword, or to whom nature has given function talents of mind. Hence it happens, that half the . annalous of Indollan have accord to the highely compagnesses in the empire from conditions not less humble than that of An'war-odean Khan; against whose accession to the Nahobship of the Carnatic, the people had taken an aversion, from causes independent of his per-. fonal character.

During the 30 years which preceded the visitation of Nizam-almuluck, the Carnatic had been governed by the fame family, in a ficcession

fuccession of three Nabobs, who, availing themselves of the general confusion of the empire, had acquired a greater stability in their office than is the usual lot of governors in Indostan. The Nabobs of this family, confidering the fovereignty as a kind of inheritance, had not conducted themselves in their administration with that spirit of ravage, which is the usual consequence of uncertain and transitory possession. The revenues of the Carnatic depend upon the harvests of grain, and there on the quantities of water, which are referved to supply the defect of rain during the dry season of the year: for this purpose vast reservoirs have been formed, of which not only the construction, but even the repairs in cases of inundation require an expence much beyond the faculties of the farmer or renter of the land. If therefore the avarice of the prince with-holds his hand from the preservation of these sources of fertility, and at the same time dictates to him an inflexible resolution of receiving his usual incomes; the farmer oppressed, oppresses the labourer, and the misery of the people becomes complete, by the vexations of collectors exercifed in times of fcarcity, of which the cruel parlimony of the prince has been the principal cause.

It is not therefore to be wondered at that the province which had felt the good effects of a mild and generous administration, from the reigns of the family of Sadatulla Khan, should behold with regret the introduction of any stranger whomsoever to govern the Carnatic. The young son of Subder-ally was the only person whom the province wished to see their ruler.

In deference to this affection, and from the danger of shocking it at once too violently, Nizam-al-muluck gave out that he intended to confer the Nabobship of Arcot on this youth, as soon as he should arrive at the age of manhood. At the same time he gave An'war-odean Khan all the powers necessary for governing the Carnatic during this interval, and committed the young prince to his care, with the authority of a guardian. From the palpable impropriety of reposing so delicate a trust in the very person to whom the greatest advantages would accrue from an unfaithful discharge of it, Nizam-al-muluck may be suspected of having dissembled throughout this transaction.

An'war-odean however did not discover any symptoms of discontent in his treatment of the young prince: on the contrary, he maintained him in a folendor adequate to his birth, and affigned the palace in the fort of Areot for his residence. Here the young Seid Mahomed passed some time without any other inquietude, than that which he received from the importunities of a band of Pitan foldiers. who had been in the fervice of his father, and who pretended that a long arrear of pay was due to them.

The Pitans, whose country is in the most northern part of the Empire, are the bravest of the Mahomedan foldiers levied in Indos-From a consciousness of this superiority, together with a reliance on the national connection which exists amough them howfoever differed into the fervices of different princes, they have acquired an infolence and audacity of manners, which diftinguishes them, as much as the hardness of their physiognomy, from every other race of men in the Empire: they treat even the lords they ferve with very little of that respect which characterises all the other dependents of a fovereign in Indostan. From the known ferocity of their temper, it is thought dangerous to inflict punishment on them, even when they deserve it; as a strong spirit of revenge has familiarifed them with affaffination, which they feldom fail to employ whenever the finallness of their numbers disables them from taking vengeance by more open attacks. The Pitans, who had ferved Subder-ally Khan, continued to prefent themselves every day before his fon, demanding their arrears with clamour and infolence.

In the month of June a wedding of one of the relations of Subder-ally was celebrated in the fort of Arcot. The young prince, as being the head of the family, was invited to prefide at the ceremony: The customary invitations were likewise given to all the other rela744

tions, many of whom were lords of governments in the Carnatic; among these was Mortiz-ally. The young Seid Mahomed was taught to conceal the emotions he naturally selt at seeing the murderer of his father named in the list of his friends as a guest invited with his approbation. Such are the manners of a court in Indostan. It was thought that Mortiz-ally would not venture his person out of the forts of Veloce, during the first days of a new administration; but, in contradiction to this notion, he came to Arcot, and presented himself before the young prince, as one of the guests at the wedding; and was treated with distinction and respect by the regent Nabob An'war-odean Khan, who was likewise invited to the wedding.

On the day appointed for the folemnization of the marriage, twelve Pitans, with the captain of the band, prefented themselves before the young prince, and demanded their arrears with a more determined spirit of insolence than they had hitherto shewn in any of their former applications. It is reckoned the highest indignity that can be offered to a foldier, to order him to retire by an expresfion of contempt; and if any violence is employed to remove him, he generally resents it in the instant with blood-shed. fiderations were not fufficient to restrain the zeal of Seid Mahomed's attendants from refenting the infult which was offered to their prince; and finding that expostulations did not prevail, they feized on the Pitan's, and turned them out of the palace by force. The Pitans fuffered themselves to be removed with much less resistance than it was expected they would have made against a treatment so repugnant to the ideas which these haughty soldiers entertain of their own importance. The same day they advanced again into the presence of Scid Mahomed, and apologized for their disrespectful behaviour: their fubmissions suppressed all suspicions of their conduct during the remaining part of the day.

In the evening Seid Mahomed, with Mortiz-ally and most of the other guests, were assembled, and as soon as the young prince was informed that An'war-odean was approaching, he arose from his seat, and passed into the vestibule of the hall, intending to pay his guardian the compliment of receiving him at the bottom of the steps, which

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led into the palace. He was attended by all the other guests, and 17 many of his own officers and guards. The thirteen Pitans, who had made their fubmillion in the morning, appeared the foremoft of the spectators in the court below, and diffi ignished themselves by the affectation of great reverence in their manner of faluting Se d Maliomed Khan, as foon as he inneared in the velibule. After thefe compliments, their capitani, with the appearance of a man fenfible that he had offended his lord, and intended to fubruit himfelf at his feet, afcended the flens, and was permutted to approach within the reach of his person, when the affassin drew a dagger, and at the firft blow flabbed lum to the heart

A thoufand fwords and toignards were drawn in an inflant the murderer was cut to pieces on the very fpot, and ten of his iccomplices suffered the same fite from the fury of the multitude below During this scene of bloodshed, An'war-odean Khan arrived, and endeavoured to calm the general trepidition, by giving fuch orders as were necessary for the discovery of the conspirators, for the mulemployed by fome superior power titude had already perfuaded themselves that the Pitans had been

All who beheld the young prince deprived of life by this affaffination, were inflantly flruck with the remembrance of the murder of his father committed in Velore, murmurs from many had already declared the fulfucions that were entertained of Mortiz ally, when it was reported, that, during the general confusion, he had gained the gates of the fort, where a large body of cavalry and other troops, which composed his retinue, were waiting for him, and that, furrounded by these guards, he was alreads on his way to Velote The precipiitation of this flight, which appeared as much the confequence of previous dispositions as the effect of sudden fear, left no doubt that he was the author of the affaffination Nothing, was now heard but curfes and imprecations on his head, for the murder of the innocent and much loved Seid Mahomed Khan, and for the murder of the father of this unfortunite prince. The people faw themselves obliged to confine their indignation to these expressions of it, for the fireigth of Mortiz ally's effort required a larger body of cavalry

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to be fent in pursuit of it, than could be assembled within the time necessary to overtake him, Velore being no more than twelve miles distant from Arcot.

The multitude now received orders from An'war-odean to retire to their homes; and, as men struck with dismay at a common calamity, assembled in secret companies, to communicate their thoughts on the murder of which they had been spectators.

An'war-odean, either actuated by the same spirit of indignation as the people, or assecting the appearance of it, not only removed the Pitans in his service from their employments, but also gave orders that all of that nation should immediately quit the city; and, as a stronger proof of his resentment, caused their houses to be razed to the ground, a mark of insamy rarely practised, excepting the persons, whom it is intended to sligmatize, have deserved capital punishment. But these expressions of indignation did not exempt him from imputations. Many persons of rank and power in the province afferted that they had discovered secrets, which convinced them that the assassination was the result of a consederacy between him and Mortiz-ally.

They faid, that the respect and attachment which were shewn by all ranks of people to Seid Mahomed, joined to the great influence which his relations bore in the Carnatic, by possessing the best forts and governments in the province, had filled the mind of An'warodean Khan with apprehensions of conspiracies and revolts which might at one time or other remove him, in order to place Seid Mahomed in the fovereignty: that, actuated by these suspicions, he regarded the destruction of Seid Mahomed as necessary to his own fecurity, and was only with-held from executing it by the dread of Nizam- al-muluch's resentment; which suggested to him the scheme of practifing on Mortiz-ally, by such infinuations and offers, as might induce him to undertake the destruction of Seid Mahomed; but in fuch a manner, that, if a discovery should be made, the murder might be imputed to Mortiz-ally alone; who being perfuaded of the probability of a revolution in favour of Seid Mahomed, and dreading the revenge of this prince for the murder of his father, hired the affaffins,

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affaffins, having previously affured himself of protection from An'warodean Khan, and even of rewards by an encrease of the Domain of Velore.

. The fecrets of the princes of Indoftan are very difficult to be difcovered. In affairs of confequence nothing, except in the most equivocal terms, is ever given by them in writing; and whenever the matter is of great importance or iniquity, it is trufted to a meffenger, a man of low rank and great cunning, who bears a letter of recommendation, teffifying that he is to be trufted in all he fays. So indefinite a commission referves to the lord who gives it, the resource of disavoying the transaction of his agent; and this he never fails to do. whenever the iniquity is discovered. Hence the public in Indostan. deprived of authentic evidence, are left to judge of the actions of their rulers either from probable conjectures, or from the general idea of their characters. The conflitution and defects of the government have rendered poifons and affaffinations, in the practice of the great, the common method of removing those who sland in opposition to the ambition of others; infomuch that a history of one _century in Indoftan, would furnish more examples of this nature than can be found in the history of one half of the kingdoms of Europe fince the time of Charlemagne. From the frequency of thefe enormous practices, even the deaths which happen in the common course of nature, are imputed to those who receive immediate advantage from them. Such were the principles on which the people of the Carnatic judged and condemned An'war-odean Khan for the murder of Seid Mahomed; although no politive proofs were brought of his having been accellory to it. The most probable argument against him was founded on the early appearance of Mortiz-ally at Arcot in the days of a new administration. This was thought income patible with the wariness of his character, without supposing a connection which affured him of protection from An'war-odean,

An'war-odean strongly denied all connections with Mortiz-ally, and challenged any proof to be brought that either he himself, or any of his dependents, had ever lad any correspondence with the Pitans who committed the murder; which he attributed folely to Mortizally, alledging as a proof, that the Pitans had often been at Velore, and were known to have received many marks of favour from him. On the other hand Mortizally retorted the acculation, but brought no testimonies to support his affertion: It was supposed that the only proofs which he could have brought against An'war-odean, would at the same time have condemned himself.

Although An'war-odean was not able to exculpate himfelf in the opinion of his subjecte, he found means to convince his superior. Nizam-al-muluck, that he was entirely innocent of the blood of Seid Mahomed. Nizam-al-muluck, who never did any thing by halves, thought it necessary to give him support, in proportion as he became odious to the Carnatic, and sent him a full and regular commission for the Nabobship of Arcot soon after the death of Seid Mahomed. The province, irritated by their aversion to a lord, whose sovereignty destroyed their hopes of being ruled by one of the samily they so much loved, complained loudly of the avarice and parsimony of his government, and contrasted it, much to his disadvantage, with that of their former Nabobs.

War was now declared between Great Britain, and France, in consequence of which a squadron of English men of war appeared in the Indian seas. It consisted of two 60 gun ships, one of 50, and a frigate of 20 guns: these ships did not come immediately to the English fettlements in Indostan, but passing beyond them, cruised in two divifious in the straits of Sunda and Malacca. They took in these stations three French ships returning from China to Europe, and one returning from Manilha to Pondicherry; the cargoes of which produced 180,000/. sterling. They also took a French ship at Atchin, which was converted into an English man of war of 40 guns, and called the Medway's Prize. After rendezvoufing at Batavia, the fquadron united appeared on the coast of Coromandel in the month of July 1745, at which time the garrifon of Pondicherry confifted of no more than 436 Europeans, its fortifications were not completed, and no French fquadron had hitherto appeared in India. The

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The appearance of the English squadron, and the report of the reinforcements which they expected from England, alarmed Mr. Dupleax for the fafety of Pondieherry. He prevailed on the Nabob An'war-odean to infift with the government of Madrals, that the English ships of war should not committany hostilities by land against the French possessions in the territories of Areot; but the Nabob at the same time assured the English, that he would oblige the French to observe the fame law of neutrality, if their force should hereafter become superior to that of the English. The government of Madrafs remonstrated, that they were always ready to obey his commands as far as their power extended; but that Mr. Barnet, the commander of the Luglish squadron, was the immediate officer of the King of Great Britain, by whose orders and commission he acted, independent of the Euft India company's agents at Midmis. The Nabob replied, that ill officers of the English intion who came to the coast of Coromandel were equally obliged to respect his government in the Carnatic; and that if Mr. Barnet, with his fquadron, fhould venture to act contrary to the orders he had now given, the town of Madrais should atone for their disobedience.

These threats made so much impression upon the government of Madrass, that they requested and prevailed on Commodore Barnet to confine his operations to the sea. He therefore sent one of the 50 gun ships to crusse in the road of Barlose, at the entrance of the rice Ganges, where she took two or three French ships returning from different parts of India to the French settlements in Bengal. The rest of the squared left the coust of Coromandel to avoid the approaching stormy season, and went to Mergui, a port situated on the coast which lies opposite to that of Coromandel in the Gulph of Bengal

In the beginning of the year 17,6 the figurdron returned to the coalt of Coromandel, and were reinforced by two 50 gun flups, and a frigute of 20 guns, from Eughad but at this time the 60 gun flup, in which Mr. Barnet horsted his slag, was found unfit for action, and, together with the 20 gun slup which came first into India, was fent back to England.

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There was now certain intelligence that a French squadron was preparing to come on the coast of Coromandel, when that of the English was deprived of one of its principal advantages, by losing Commodore Barnet, who died at Fort St. David's in April. His death, happening at a time when the English affairs in India were threatened with danger, was generally regretted as a public loss, and indeed he was a man of great abilities in sea affairs.

Early in the morning of the 25th of June, the English squadron cruising to the southward of Fort St. David, near Negapatnam, descried that of the French arriving on the coast of Coromandel. confifted of nine ships, which were commanded by Mr. De la Bourdonnais, who had equipped them at the isle of Mauritius, and afterwards, when fcattered by a hurricane, had refitted them in the island of Madagascar, overcoming the greatest difficulties with such indefatigable perseverance and activity, as intitles him to a reputation equal to that of the ablest marine officer his country has produced, Of these ships one mounted 26 guns, two 28, one 30, three 34, one 36, and that on board of which Mr. De la Bourdonnais hoisted his flag mounted 70 guns, of which 60 were 18 pounders. There were but 14 other guns of this fize in the whole fquadron, the rest being 12 and 8 pounders. All but the 70 gun ship were bored to mount more guns than the number with which Mr. De la Bourdonnais had been able to equip them; and five of them for 50 guns. On board of the ships were 3300 men, of which 700 were either Caffres or Lascars: 3 or 400 of the whole number were rendered unfit for service by fickness.

The English squadron consisted of one 60 gun ship, three of 50, one of 40, and one frigate of 20 guns, which was too small to be brought into the action. The number of men did not amount to one half of that in the French squadron: but the English had greatly the advantage in the weight of their cannon, by which the fortune of engagements at sea is at present generally decided; and they likewise sailed better than the French, and were worked with much greater skill,

Mr. De la Bourdonnais, knowing the advantages and disadvantages of his force, had determined to decide the impending engagement by boarding

boarding the English ships, if it were possible to bring his own into the fituations necessary to accomplish this defign. Mr. Peyton, who commanded the English squadron, perceiving this intention, determined to engage with his foundron nearer to the wind than that of the enemy, fince, in this fituation their efforts to board would be eafily avoided; and a great part of the day was employed in preferving this advantage. It was not until 4 in the afternoon that the fight began: it was maintained at fuch a distance that the fire of the small arms from the French thips, notwithstanding the great numbers and expertness of their musketeers, did very little execution; but, on the other hand, the cannon of the English, from the fame cause, did much less than might have been expected from them in a closer engagement. The fight finished with the entrance of the night; about 35 men were killed in the English squadron. and the greatest part of these on board the Medway's Prize. We are not exactly informed of the loss fullained by the French; but it was believed that the killed and wounded together did not amount to less than 200. One of their ships, which mounted 20 guns, was in less than half an hour dismasted, and so much shattered, that immediately after the action, Mr. De la Bourdonnais ordered her to proceed to Bengal to be resitted in the Ganges.

The next morning Mr. Peyton called a council of war, when, on a review of the condition of the fquadron, it was not thought prudent, especially as the 60 gun ship was extreamly leaky, to venture a second engagement, before the damages it had sustained were repaired. In consequence of this resolution, the ships made fail for the harbour of Trincanomalee in the island of Ceylon, and in the evening lost sight of the French squadron, which had lain to the whole day, as if challenging the English, who were to windward, to bear down and renew the sight. This appearance of resolution in Mr. De la Bourdonnais was no more than a seint, practifed to deter the English from doing what he most dreaded; for most of his ships had expended the greatest part of their ammunition, and several of them had not victuals on board for twenty-four hours.

In the night of the entuing day the French foundron, now confifting of eight fluips, arrived in the road of Pondicherry; where Mr. Dubleix

5. pleix commanded, for the French East India company, all the establishments of his nation in India, the islands of Mauritius and Bourbon excepted. These were under the government of Mr. De la Bourdonnais, to whom all the operations of the squadron were intrusted, independent of the control of Mr. Dupleix.

The reputation and riches which it was probable Mr. De la Bourdonnais would gain in the command of his armament, ereated jealoufy in the mind of Mr. Dupleix. Diffensions arose between the two commanders: but the zeal of Mr. De la Bourdonnais did not suffer the interests of his nation to be facrificed to them. Judging that the force which he commanded could not be employed by land with any probability of success, until the English squadron should be either ruined or forced to quit the coast of Coromandel; he determined to go in quest of them as soon as his own ships were resitted and provided with 30 or 40 pieces more of heavy cannon than they mounted on leaving the island of Mauritius.

On the 24th of July the French squadron sailed from Pondicherry, working to the southward against the southern monsoon, and on the 6th of August discovered the English, which had been resitted at Trincanomalee. The English perceiving the addition of eannon with which the enemy had been supplied at Pondicherry, avoided an engagement. The two squadrons were three days in sight of each other, after which, according to Mr. De la Bourdonnais's account, the English ships, availing themselves of the advantage of sailing better than the French, disappeared.

Mr. De la Bourdonnais returned with his ships to Pondieherry, imagining that the English squadron would remain on the coast of Coromandel, at least with the hope of deterring him from attempting any operations against the English settlements. But encouraged by their shyness at the last meeting, he now determined to lay siege to Madrass.

The English, informed of the preparations which were making at Pondicherry to attack them, called on the Nabob to fulfil his promise of restraining the French from committing hostilities against them by land. But they omitted to employ the most certain

means of obtaining his protection; by neglecting to accompany their application for his affiftance with a prefent of money. 'This ill-judged parfirmony left the Nabob fo lukewarm in their interests, that although he'did not give Mr. Duplenx a positive permission, he refrained from making any preparations, or even from using menaces to prevent the French from attacking Madrass.

This fettlement had been about 100 years the principal establishment of the English nation on the coast of Coromandel. It was in'a territory granted by the Great Mogul to the East India company, which extended about five miles along the sea shore, and about one mile in land. The town confifted of three divisions; that to the fouth extended about 400 yards in length from north to fouth, and about 100 yards in breadth: none but the English, or other Euros peans under their protection, refided in this divition, which contained about 50 good houses, an English and a Roman Catholic church, together with the residence of the factory, and other buildings belonging to the company: it was furrounded with a flender wall, defended with four baftions and as many batteries, but thefe were very flight and defective in their conftruction, nor had they any outworks to defend them; this quarter has long been known in Europe by the name of Fort St. George, and was in India called for distinction the White Town. On the north of this, and contiguous, was another division, much larger and worse sortified, in which were many very good habitations belonging to the Armenian and to the richest of the Indian merchants, who resided in the company's territory: this quarter was called the Black Town. Beyond this division, and to the north of it, was a suburb, where the Indian -natives of all ranks had their habitations promiferoully. Belides these three divisions, which composed the town of Madrass, there were two large and populous villages about a mile to the fouthward of it, within the company's territory, and these were likewise inhabited by Indian natives.

The trade from England to the coast of Coromandel, together with that which is carried on by merchants of various nations from one part of India to another, had raised Madrais to a degree of opulence and reputation, which rendered it inferior to none of the Eu-

ropean establishments in India, excepting Goa and Batavia. There were 250,000 inhabitants in the company's territory, of which the greatest part were natives of India of various casts and religions: amongst these were three or four thousand of those Indian christians who call themselves Portuguese, and pretend to be descended from that nation. The English in the colony did not exceed the number of 300 men': and 200 of these were the soldiers of the garrison; but none of them excepting two or three of their officers, had ever seen any other service than that of the parade: the rest of the English inhabitants, solely employed in the occupations of commerce, were still more unsit for military services. At the same time the desence of the place depended on this small number of English subjects; for it was known that the rest of the inhabitants, regarding themselves as neutrals, would take slight on the sirst approach of danger.

On the 18th of August the French squadron appeared and cannonaded the town, but without doing any damage. They attempted to take a ship belonging to the English company out of the road; but she moved into shoal-water, so near the batteries of the fort, that the French did not venture to attack her with arm'd boats; and it was evident, from the unskilfulness of their operations during this cruise, that Mr. De la Bourdonnais did not command them in person: he was at this time in Pondicherry, confined to his bed by sickness.

The protection of the English settlements on the coast of Coromandel was the principal object for which the squadron had been sent into India; and their appearance before Madrass was at this time thought so necessary to its defence, that the inhabitants were in hourly expectation of seeing them, although they had received no intelligence of them since they were last seen, six weeks before, by Mr. De la Bourdonnais. The consternation of the town was therefore little less than despair, when it was reported that they had appeared on the 23d of August 30 miles to the northward of Madrass, in sight of the Dutch settlement of Palliacatte, from whence they had again put out to sea, and disappeared. They proceeded to Bengal; for the sound single search the shock of siring her

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On the 3d of September the French squadron anchored four leagues to the fouth of Madrafs, having on board the troops, artillery and flores intended for the fiege. Here a part of the troops was landed, and marching along the coast advanced the next day within cannon that of the town, where the rest of the foldiers were landed. The whole confifted of 1100 Europeans, 400 Caffres, and 400 Indian natives disciplined in the European manner. There remained on board of the squadron 1800 European mariners.

Mr. De la Bourdonnais directed his attack against the White Town, in which the English resided: the northern side of this division could not be attacked by cannon, as the houses of the next division almost touched the wall; which separated them from each other: the eastern side could only be battered from the sea; but the fouth and west lay open to the plainles! On the 7th of September the French began to bombard the town, from a battery of nine mortars, which they erected to the weltward, under the shelter of a large house, within 500 yards of the walls. In the evening three of their largest ships diew as near as the depth of water would permit; and cannonaded the town. In the night Mr. De la Bourdonnais was flung into great perplexity, by intelligence that fome large flups were feen to the fouthward of Pondicherry; which indeed was contradicted in the morning: but the first report caused so much alarm in the French camp, that they were preparing to reship their heavy cannon.

On the 8th of September the French had finished a battery of five mortars to the fouth, and bombarded the town without intermission until the next morning, when two English deputies went to their camp, to treat with Mr. De la Bourdonnais, who infifted that the town should be delivered 'up to him' on his own terms: and threatned, in case of refusal, to make a general assault. This refolution arose from his apprehension of the return of the English fquadron. As foon as the deputies returned, the bombardment recommenced, and continued until the evening, when it was fufpended

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pended for two hours, during the conference of another deputy fent from the town; after which it continued during the rest of the night.

The next morning, the 10th of September, the deputies returned to the French camp, and, after some altercations, consented to the articles of capitulation, which had been dictated to them in the first conference. It was agreed that the English should surrender themselves prisoners of war: that the town should be immediately delivered up; but that it should be afterwards ransomed. Mr. De la Bourdonnais gave his promise that he would settle the ransom on easy and moderate terms.

The capitulation was figured in the afternoon, when Mr. de la Bourdonnais, at the head of a large body of troops, marched to the gates, where he received the keys from the governor. The French colours were immediately displayed; and, at the same time, the English ship belonging to the East India company, which lay in the road, was taken possession of without resistance by the boats of the French squadron. There was not a man killed in the French camp during the siege; four or sive Englishmen were killed in the town by the explosion of the bombs, which likewise destroyed two or three houses. From this period it is useful to contemplate the progress made by the English in Indostan, both in the science and spirit of war.

The English inhabitants were permitted to reside without; molestation in their houses; but the magazines and ware-houses belonging to the East India company were taken possession of by the French commissaries.

On the day in which Madrass was surrendered, a messenger from the Nabob An'war-odean Khan, dispatched for more expedition on a camel, arrived at Pondicherry, and delivered to Mr. Dupleix a letter, in which the Nabob expressed great surprize at the presumption of the French in attacking Madrass without his permission, and threatned to send his army there, if the siege was not immediately raised. Mr. Duleix sent directions to his agent at Arcot to pacify the Nabob, by promising that the town, if taken, should be given up to him;

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and by repreferring, that the English would certainly be willing to pay him a large sum of money for the resistation of so valuable a possession. By this transaction, Mr Duplers first discovered that he thought the right of disposing of Madrass, was invested in himfulf as governor general of the 1 rench establishments in India

But Mr De la Bourdonnais, relying on his own commission, did not admit of this authority in the governor of Pondicherry, and, conformable to his promife, proceeded to treat with the Lingbish for the ranfom of the town Mr Duplers, and the council of Pondicherry protested against the treats, as a measure highly detrimental to the interest, of their nation, which, they faid, would be facrificed to private advantages, if Madrafs was not razed to the ground Difputes enfued, which, fortunitely for the Linghih affairs, prevented many evils, which in all probability would have befallen them, if the councils of the enemy had not been divided by these contentions. For on the 27th of September three thips of war, one of 72, the others of 40 guns, with 1360 men on board, arrived at Pondicherry, and with this reinforcement, the French force was sufficient to have conquered the rest of the English settlements in Indost in Such indeed was the deflination and intention of De la Bourdonnais, and he would have immediately began to earry this plan of hostilities into execution, if all his operations had not been contradicted by Mr. Dupleix, and the council of Pondicherry

However, the effects of Madrafs, which Mr De h Bourdonnus intended to carry away in his ships, were put on board by the 1st of October, and two of them had fuled to Pondicherry. Mr Duplers was not as yet reconciled to the treity of ransom, and Mr De la Bourdonnais was determined not to leave Madrafs before the governor and council of Pondicherry had given their approbation at the same time his experience in the navigation of India fully apprized him of the danger to which his ships were exposed, by remaining on the coalt of Coromnadel at this critical feelon of the year

In India the year is divided into two featons—Irom the month of October to March the winds blow from the north, and during the reft of the year from the fouthern points of the compais—these search

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fons are by mariners called monfoons: the change from one to the other is generally preceded by an interval of about twenty days, in which calms, or light and uncertain winds prevail: the fetting in of the northern monfoon generally falls out fome time in the month of October, as that of the fonthern in the month of April. On the coast of Coromandel the northern monfoon sometimes begins with a violent tempest or hurricane; and if the monfoon sets in with moderation, it is often productive of tempestuous weather at different intervals, until the middle of December, and sometimes later; so that it is held dangerous for any vessels to remain on the coast after the 15th of October, or to return to it before the 20th of December.

On the 2d of October the weather was remarkably fine and moderate all day. About midnight a furious from arofe, and continued with the greatest violence until the noon of the next day. Six of the French ships were in the road when the storm began, and not one of them was to be seen at day-break. One put before the wind, and was driven so much to the southward, that she was not able to gain the coast again: the 70 gun ship lost all her masts: three others of the squadron were likewise dismasted, and had so much water in the hold, that the people on board expected every minute to perish, notwithstanding they had thrown over-board all the cannon of the lower tier: the other ship, during the sew moments of a whirlwind which happened in the most surious part of the storm, was covered by the waves, and soundered in an instant, and only six of the crew escaped alive. Twenty other vessels belonging to different nations, were either driven on shore, or perished at sea.

The other two ships, laden with part of the effects of Madrass, together with the three lately arrived from Europe, were at anchor in the road of Pondicherry, where they selt no effect of the storm which was raging at Madrass: It is observed, that the violence of these hurricanes is generally confined to 60 or 80 miles in breadth, although in their progress they generally blow quite across the Bay of Bengal.

The articles of the treaty of ranfom had been adjusted the day before the storm happened. It was agreed that the French should evacuate

evacuate the town by the 4th of October, and by one of the articles, the articles, and warlike flores remaining in the town, were

to be equally divided between the French and Lughilli

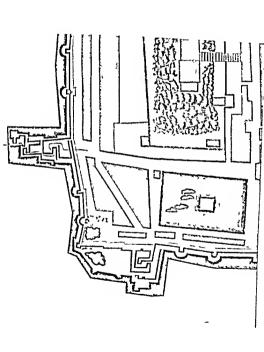
Mr Duplers had represented to Mr D. la Bourdonnas, that he would not interfere in any transitions with the 1 nghish after his departure, unless the French remained in possibilition of Madris for so much time as might be necessary to adjust all discussions arising from the treaty. Mr De la Bourdonnus therefore represented to the English, the necessity to which he was reduced, by the obstinacy of Mr Duplers, of protrasting for three months, the term in which he had agreed to put them in possession of the town the Linglish, apprehensive that if they refused to admit of this alteration, they should be left to the mercy of Mr Duplers, without a treaty, acquiesced in this proposal, and the treaty was figured on the roth of October

All the merchandizes, and a part of the military flores, belonging to the Last India company, together with all the navil stores sound in the town, had been India on board of the French ships these articles, according to the computation made by the French, amounted to 130,000 pounds sterling, and the gold and silver of which they took possession to the value of 31,000 pounds sterling, the half of the artillery and military stores was estimated at 24,000 pounds sterling all the other effects and merchandizes were relinquished to the proprietors of them. It was agreed that the French should evacuate the town before the end of the ensuing January, after which the Linglish were to remain in possession of 1, without being attacked by them again during the war. Upon these conditions the governor and council of Madras agreed to pay the sum of 1,100,000 pagodas, or 440,000 pounds sterling. Of this sum 240,000 pounds were to be paid at Pondischerry, by six equal payments, before the month of October in the year 1749 and for the remaining 200,000 pounds, bills were drawn on the Last India company in London, payable a few months after they should be presented. The English give hostinges for the performance of this treaty

On the 12th of October, Mr De It Bourdonnais invested one of the council of Pondicherry, appointed by Mr Duplein, with the go

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vernment of Madrass, and went on board of his own ship, which had been refitted with jury masts. He anchored in the road of Pondicherry on the 15th, and failed from thence the 20th with feven ships, intending to proceed to Achin: but forefeeing that a part of them would probably he unable to reach that port, he formed the fquadron into two divisions; one confifted of the three ships which arrived last from Europe, together with another that had escaped the storm: these were all in good condition; and were therefore ordered to make their way to Achin, without waiting for the other division, which confisted of Mr. De la Bourdonnais' 70 gun ship, one that had been difmasted, and a merchant-ship which had likewise suffered in the storm. The four found ships very soon sailed out of sight of their comrades: and Mr. De la Bourdonnais, finding that the shattered -condition of the other three rendered them incapable of gaining their destined port against a violent and contrary wind, made sail for the island of Mauritius, where they arrived in the beginning of December without any accident. He foon after left Mauritius, which, from a forest, he had rendered a flourishing colony, and the arsenal of all the French military expeditions in India. Every body knows the treatment he received on his arrival in France. The friends of Mr. Dupleix had influence enough at the court to get him confined to the bastile, where he remained a prisoner almost three years: upon an examination of his conduct, his justification, proved by original papers which have been made public, procured him his liberty. Had he furvived the subsequent ill successes of his nation at sea, his abilities would probably have raised him to the highest commands in the navy of France. His knowledge in mechanics rendered him capable of building a ship from the keel: his skill in navigation, of conduct-/ ing her to any part of the globe: and his courage, of defending her against any equal force. In the conduct of an expedition, he superintended all the details of the fervice, without being perplexed either with the variety or number of them. His plans were simple, his orders precise, and both the best adapted to the service in which he was engaged. His application was incessant; and difficulties served only to encrease his activity, which always gave the example of zeal to those he commanded. The



first sire, and the convoy entered Verdachelum without any loss. From hence Mr. Pigot sent the detachment through the country of Tanjore to reinforce the battalion at Tritchinopoly, which they joined without interruption; the French at this time not having crossed the Caveri. He then returned from Verdachelum to Fort St. David, accompanied by Mr. Clive, 12 Sepoys, and as many servants: in their way they were surrounded by the Polygar's troops, who with matchlocks harassed this little party some hours, and killed seven of the Sepoys, and several of the attendants. The ammunition of the rest being expended; they were ordered to disperse, and Mr. Pigot and Clive saved themselves by the speed of their horses from a party of cavalry, who pursued them several miles.

In the middle of July the presidency prepared to send another reinforcement to Tritchinopoly, where the discontent which prevailed amongst the officers made it necessary to remove several of them at a time when there were very few fit to fucceed to their posts: a captain's commission was therefore given to Mr. Clive, who proceeded with a detachment into the country of Tanjore, where he was joined. by another from Devi-Cotah, under the command of Captain Clarke, who took the command of the whole, which, united, confifled of only 100 Europeans, and 50 Sepoys, with one small field piece. The king of Tanjore, like all other Indian princes, cautious of declaring whilst the event remained doubtful, suffered both the English and French troops to march through his country to Tritchinopoly: and this being the only rout by which the English from the sea-coast could now gain the city, the fort of Devi-Cotah began to acquire an importance not foreseen when they took it. The French detached from Coiladdy 30 Europeans and 500 Sepoys, who came in fight of the English party near the village of Condore, situated ten miles to the north of Tanjore; the high road led through the village, and both anxious to get possession of it, entered it hastily at the same time A skirmish ensued, in which the French officer at different ends. was desperately wounded, and 10 of his Europeans were killed, on which the rest with the Sepoys took flight; and the English making' a circuit of several imiles to avoid the enemy's camp, arrived safe at the city,

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Notwithstanding these reinforcements, the Linghish battahon at Tritchinopoly did not exceed soo men, whereis the French had Joso, and the troops of Chunda sinheb outnumbered the Nabob's ten to one. The strength of the city indeed reindered the reduction of it very difficult, but the Nabob's army, at the same time that they were incapable of retrieving his affairs, exhausted his treasures, and his revenues were duly cut off by the enemy taking possession of the countries which furnished them.

Capt un Chic, on his return from Tritchmopoly in the beginning of August, represented this situation of assaus to the presidency, and proposed, as the only resource, to attack the possessions of Chundafalieb in the territory of Arcot, offering to lead the expedition himfelf. which he doubted not would cause a diversion of part of the enemy's force from Tritchinopoly Fort St David and Madrafs were left, the one with 100, the other with lefs than 50 men, in order to supply the greatest force that could be collected for this enterprize. The detachment, when compleated, nevertheless, consisted of no more than 200 Sepoys and 200 Luropeans, with eight officers, fix of whom had never before been in action, and four of thefe fix were young men in the mercantile fervice of the company, who, inflamed by his example, took up the fword to follow him This handful of men, with only three field pieces for their artillery, myrched from Madrafs on the 26th of August, and on the 29th arrived at Conseveram, a confiderable town with a large pagoda, lying about 40 miles inland, where they received intelligence that the fort of Arcot was garrifoned by 1100 men, on which captain Clive wrote to Madrafs, defiring that two 18 pounders might be fent after him without delay 21ft he halted within 10 miles of Arcot, where the enemy's fpies reported, that they had discovered the English marching with unconcern through a violent fform of thunder, hahtning, and rain, and this circumflance, from their notions of omens, give the gairifon fo high in opinion of the fortitude of the approaching enemy, that they instantly abandoned the fort, and a few hours after the English entered the city, which had no walfs or defences, and marching through 100,000 frectators, who gazed on them with admiration and refrect, took poffession of the fort, in which they found a large quantity of lead and

gun-powder, with 8 pieces of cannon, from 4 to 8 pounders. The merchants had, for fecurity, deposited in the fort effects to the value of 50,000 pounds, but these were punctually restored to the owners; and this judicious abstemiousness conciliated many of the principal inhabitants to the English interest. The fort was inhabited by 3 or 4000 persons, who, at their own request, were permitted to remain in their dwellings.

Captain Clive made it his first care to collect such provisions and materials as might enable him to sustain a siege; and foreseeing that the enemy would soon recover from their fright, and return into the town, if he confined himself to the fort, determined to go in quest of them: and on the 4th of September marched out with the greatest part of his men, and sour field pieces: in the afternoon he discovered the fugitive garrison, consisting of 600 horse and 500 foot, drawn up near Timery, a fort situated 6 miles south-west of the city. They had a field piece, managed by two or three Europeans, from which they fired at a great distance, and killed a camel and wounded a Sepoy: but as soon as they saw the English within musket-shot, retreated to the hills in their rear; upon which the English returned to the fort.

The troops marched out again on the 6th, and found the enemy drawn up within gun-shot of Timery, in a grove, inclosed with a bank and a ditch; about 50 yards'in front of which was a large tank, furrounded likewise with a bank much higher than that of the grove; but by age and neglect the tank itself was almost choaked up and dry. Their number now appeared to be 2000, and they had two field pieces, which fired fmartly as the English advanced, and killed three Europeans; on which accident the line advanced more brifkly towards the enemy, who frightened by the vivacity of their approach, did not think themselves fafe in the grove, but hurried with precipitation into the tank, and began to fire from the banks, exposing so little of their bodies that the English fire did no execution amongst them, whilst theirs wounded feveral of the Europeans and Sepoys. The troops were therefore ordered to move behind some neighbouring buildings, from which enfign Glass was foon after detached with a platoon of 40 men, to attack one fide of the tank, whilst another, under the command of lieutenant Bulkley, pushed to attack the enemy in front. Both gained the banks, and gave their

their fire at the fame inftant, amongst numbers crowded together in the tank; which immediately put them to flight. The troops then took possession of the village under the walls of the fort, and summed the governor. Messages passed, during which his spies discovered that the Engish had no battering cannon, which intelligence determined him not to surrender. Several shells were therefore thrown into the fort from a cohorn mortar, which proving inessectual, the troops marched back to Arcot, and the enemy's cavally hovered round them as they retreated, but kept out of the reach of their fire

The garifon remained in the fort 10 days, diligently employed in many necessary works; and the enemy, now augmented to 3000 men, imputing this intermission of their sallies to sear, encamped within three miles of the town, giving out that they intended to besiege the fort. Captain Clive determined to take advantage of their security; and on the 14th of September marched out, two hours after midnight, with the greatest part of his garrison, and entering their camp by surprize, sound them, as he expected, asleep. The troops beat up the camp from one end to the other, firing continually on numbers taking slight on all sides with stricks and consistion: the terror was sognetic that very sexy made use of their arms, and even these swe after a single discharge made at random, mingled with the rest of the sugitives; and when the day broke, none of them remained in sight. This success was obtained without the loss of a man.

The two 18 pounders, which had been demanded from Madrafs, with some military stones, were at this time on the road, but escotted only by a sew Sepoys; and the enemy hoping to intercept them, sent a large detachment, which took possession of the great pagoda of Conjeveram: 30 Europeans and 50 Sepoys, with a sield piece, were sent from the fort to dislodge them, and on their arrival sound the pagoda abandoned; the enemy having retreated to a fort in the neighbourhood, where they were continually reinforced from the main body. Much depending out the safe arrival of the convoy, captain Clive, referving only 30 Europeans and 50 Sepoys for the guard of the fort, sent all the less of the strengthen the detachment which escorted it. On this the enemy changed their design, and re-

turned hastily to the city in expectation that an assault made on the fort during the absence of so great a part of the garrison, would encourage the inhabitants to rife; and in this confidence, their whole force, horse and foot, advanced as soon as it was dark, and surrounded the fort. Their musketry, from the adjacent houses, kept a continual fire upon the ramparts; and this attack producing no effect, a large body of horse and foot advanced promiscuously to the principal gate, endeavouring by outcries, and the noise of their military music, to confound the attention of the garrifon, from whom they fustained feveral discharges of musketry without quitting their ground. last some grenades were thrown amongst them, the explosion of which frightening the horses, slung their cavalry into such consusion that they galloped away, trampling over the foot: but within an hour they recovered their spirits, and made such another attack at the other gate, where they were received and beaten off as at the first. Their infantry continued their fire until day-break, when the English detachments, with the convoy, entered the town, upon which they abandoned it with precipitation. The inhabitants in the fort, fatisfied with the treatment they had received from the garrison, betrayed nofymptoms of infurrection during the attack.

The acquisition of the fort of Arcot soon produced the effect which had been expected from it. Chunda-saheb detached 4000 of his troops, horse and foot, from Tritchinopoly, who in their rout were joined by his son Raja-saheb, with 150 Europeans from Pondicherry, and together with the troops already collected in the neighbourhood of Arcot, entered the city on the 23d of September, and Raja-saheb fixed his head-quarters in the palace of the Nabob.

Captain Clive finding himself on the point of being closely besieged, determined to make one vigorous effort to drive the enemy
out of the town, which, if it did not succeed, might at least produce
the good effect of impressing them with an opinion of the courage of
his men. On the 24th at noon, the greatest part of the garrison, with
the four sield pieces, sallied out of the north-west gate: this saced a
street which, after continuing about seventy yards in a direct line to the
north, turned off to the east, and formed another street, at the end of
which on the left hand was situated the Nabob's palace. This fronted
another street, which striking to the south, continued on the eastern

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fide of the fort. The fquare interval between these three fireets and the northern wall of the fort was filled with buildings and inclofures. Captain Clive intending to place the enemy between two fires, ordered a platoon under the command of enfign Glass to march up the firect on the eastern side of the fort, which led up to the palace, and advanced himself with the main body along the street leading from the north-west gate. The French troops, with four field pieces, were drawn up at the end of the crofs fireet in front of the palace. Captain Clive's party no fooner came in fight of them than a hot cannonade enfued in the crois ffreet, at the diffance of only 30 yards. The French in a few minutes were driven from their guns, and ran into the palace; but by this time the troops of Raja-falieb had taken possession of all the houses in the street; and secure under this cover, kept up a continual fire from their mufketry with fuch good aim, that 14 men, who pushed to bring away the French guns, were all either killed or wounded. There was on one fide of the fireet a large Choultry: thefe are buildings intended for the reception of travellers, covered and inclosed on three sides with walls, but open in front, where, instead of, a wall, the roof is supported by pillars. Captain Clive, to preserve his men, relinquished the intention of bringing off the enemy's cannon, and ordered them to enter the Choultry; from hence the artillery men flepping out and retreating into it immediately after they had performed the fervices allotted to each of them, continued to load and fire their field pieces until they had recoiled into the north street. The troops then quitting the Choultry, joined their guns and proceeded to the fort without meeting any farther molestation. Enfign Glass's platoon returned at the fame time: these had encountered and put to flight 3 or 400 of the enemy's Sepoys, whom they found posted as an advanced guard in an inclosure adjoining to the street through which they intended to pass to the palace; where, by this interruption, they were prevented from arriving in time to render the fervice expected from them. The garrifon suffered this day the lots of 15 Europeans, who were either killed on the fpot, or died afterwards of their wounds; amough them was lieutenant Trensvith, who perceiving a Sepov from a window taking aim at captain Clive, pulled him on one fide,

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upon which the Sepoy, changing his aim; shot lieutenant Trenwith through the body. Lieutenant Revel, the only artillery officer, with 16 other men, was likewise disabled. This fally would be condemned by the rules of war established in Europe, for they forbid the besieged to run such a risque, unless they are assured of greatly outnumbering the party they attack; but it is not reasonable to strain the rules calculated for one system, to the service of another differing so widely from it, as the modes of war in Indostan differ from those in Europe:

The next day Raja-saheb was joined by 2000 men from Veloor, commanded by Mortiz-ally in person; and took possession of all the avenues leading to the fort, which feemed little capable of fustaining the impending fiege. Its extent was more than a mile in circumference. The walls were in many places ruinous; the rampart too. narrow to admit the firing of artillery; the parapet low and flightly built; feveral of the towers were decayed; and none of them capable of receiving more than one piece of cannon; the ditch was in most places fordable, in others dry, and in some-choaked up: there was between the foot of the walls and the ditch a space about 10 feet broad, intended for a faussebray, but this had no parapet at the scarp of the ditch. The fort had two gates; one to the north-west, the other to the east; both of which were large piles of masonry projecting 40. feet beyond the walls, and the passage from these gates was, instead of a draw-bridge, a large causeway croffing the ditch. The garrison had from their arrival employed themselves indefatigably to remove and repair as many of these inconveniences and defects as the smallness. of their numbers could attend to. They had endeavoured to burn down. feveral of the nearest houses, but without success; for these having nowood-work in their construction, excepting the beams which supported. the ceiling, refuted the blaze: of these houses the enemy's infantry took possession, and began to fire upon the ramparts, and wounded. feveral of the garrison before night, when they retired. At midnight, enfign Glass was fent with 10 men, and some barrels of gun-powder, to blow up two of the houses which most annoyed the fort. This party were let down by ropes over the walls, and entering the houses. without being discovered, made the explosion, but with so little skill that it did not produce the intended effect: at their return the rope,,

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by which enfigu Glass was getting into the fort, broke, and he was by the fall rendered incapable of farther duty; so that, at the beginning of the seg, the garrison was deprived of the service of sour of the eight officers who set out on the expedition; for one was killed, two wounded, and another returned to Madrass; and the troops fit for duty were diminished to 120 Europeans and 200 Sepoys; these were befreed by 1 to Europeans, 2000 Sepoys; 3000 cavalry, and 5000 Peons.

The store of provision in the fort was only sufficient to supply the garrison fixty days, which rendered it necessary to fend away all the inhabitants, excepting a few artificers, and the enemy permitted them to pais through their guards without moleflation: amongst those who remained was a mason, who had for many years been employed in the fort; he gave information that there was an aqueduct under ground, known to very few, but which, if discovered by the enemy, would enable them to drain the only refervoir of water in the fort; the man was rewarded for this feafonable intelligence, and employed to prevent the mischief, by choaking up a part of the aqueduct within the walls. For 14 days, the enemy, not yet furnished with battering cannon. carried on the fiege by firing from the houses with musketry, and a bombardment frum four mortars: The bombardment did little damage, and to avoid the effect of the musketry, none of the garrifon were fuffered to appear on the ramparts, excepting the few immediately necessary to prevent a surprize; but notwithstanding this precaution, feveral were killed, and more wounded: for the enemy, fecure in the houses, and firing from refting-places, took such excellent aim, that they often hit a man when nothing but his head appeared above the parapet; and in this manner three ferjeants were killed, who at different times fingly accompanied captain Clive in vifiting the works. Mortiz-ally, a few days after his arrival, pretended to be diffatisfied with Raja-faheb, and removed his troops toa different part of the city, from whence he fent a messenger, inviting the garrison to make a fally on the quarters of Raja-saheb, in which he offered to affift them with his whole force. Captain Clive miftrufted his professions, but considering the advantage of keeping fuch a number of the enemy's troops inactive, pretended to approve

Mortiz-ally, suspecting his scheme was detected, rejoined the army.

On the 24th of October, the French troops received from Pondicherry two 18 pounders, and seven pieces of smaller calibre, and immediately opened a battery to the north-west, which was so well ferved, that their very first shot dismounted one of the 18 pounders in the fort, and the next entirely disabled it. The garrison mounted the other 18 pounder; and this, after a few shot, was likewise dismounted: after which it was employed only in fuch parts of the fort, where it was not exposed to the enemy's artillery. The three field pieces were likewise cautiously reserved to repulse the enemy when they should storm; so that their battery firing without much opposition, in fix days beat down all the wall lying between two towers, and made a practicable breach of fifty feet. In the mean time the garrison were employed in making works to defend it: a trench was dug just under the rampart, and behind that at some distance another; both of which were fcattered with crows feet, and behind them the wall of a house was pulled down to the height of a breast-work; from whence a row of pallisadoes was carried along on each end of both trenches, and continued up the rampart to the parapet. A field piece was planted on one of the towers which flanked the breach without, and two small pieces of cannon on the flat roof In these emof a house within the fort, opposite to the entrance. ployments, as indeed in all others, the officers contributed their labour equally with the common men; and the enemy, informed of these preparations to defend the breach, did not think it safe to attack it before they had made another: they had by this time burst one of their 18 pounders, and removed the other, with one nine pounder, to a battery which they erected to the fouth-west.

The garrison intending to convince Raja-saheb that they were in a condition to execute even labours not indispensibly necessary, thickened the highest tower of the ramparts, and then raised on the top of it a mound of earth to such a height as commanded the palace over the interjacent houses. On the top of this mound they hoisted a vast piece of cannon, sent, according to the tradition of the fort, from Delhi,

Delhi, by Aureng-zebe, and faid to have been drawn by 1000 yoke of oxen. There were feveral ron balls belonging to it, each weighing 72 pounds. The cannon was laid on the mound, and loaded with 30 pounds of powder, which was fired by a train carried to a confiderable diffance on the ground. The float went through the palace, to the no finall terror of Raja-faheb and his principal officers; and as this was the only effect intended, the cannon was fired only once in the day, at the time when the officers affembled at the head-quarters; on the fourth day it buff.

The enemy, as if they intended to retaliate this aftiont, filled up a large house, which commanded the eastern gate, with earth well ramm'd down, and upon this base raised a square mound of earth to such a height as commanded not only the gate, but likewise every part within the fort: from hence they intended to fire on the rampart with musketry and two small pieces of cannon. They were suffered to go on with their work until they had compleated it and mounted the cannon, when the garrison began to fire from the referved 18 pounder, and in less than an hour the mound gave way and tumbled at once with 50 men stationed on it; some of whom were killed, and many disabled.

Notwithstanding the numbers of the enemy's guards which furrounded the fort, the garrifon, by means of able fpies, carried on a constant correspondence with Madrass and Fort St. David, where the company's agents were very follicitous to relieve them, and having received some recruits from Europe, formed a party of 100 Europeans, who with 200 Sepoys, fet out from Madrafs under the command of lieutenant Innis. Before they had advanced 30 miles in their way to Accot, they were furrounded in the town of Trivatore by 2000 of Raja-saheb's troops detached with 20 Europeans and two field pieces. from the city. The English party having no cannon, were so severely annoyed by the enemy's, that heutenant Innis, as the only resource, made a puth with all his Europeans to drive them from their guns, The attempt succeeded, but not without a sharp contest, in which 20 of the English and two of their officers were killed, and a greater number wounded. This loss deterred the rest from continuing their march, and they retreated to Ponamalee, a fort built by the Moors, and at this time belonging to the company, 15 miles west of Madrass.

On the 24th of October the enemy opened their battery to the south-west: the part of the wall against which they directed their sire was in a very ruinous condition, but it had the advantage of being much less exposed than any other to the sire from the houses. The garrison therefore kept up a constant sire of musketry against the battery, and several times drove the enemy out of it, but the breach notwithstanding increased every day.

The retreat of lieutenant Innis left the garrifon little hopes of fuccour from the fettlements; but at this time their spirits were raised by the hopes of other refources. A body of 6000 Morattoes, under the command of Morari-row, had lain for some time encamped at the foot of the western mountains, about 30 miles from Arcot: they had been hired to assist Mahomed-ally by the king of Myfore; but the retreat of the English, and the Nabob's troops to Tritchinopoly, had been represented in the neighbouring countries so much to their prejudice, that the Nabob's affairs were thought to be desperate, and his fallies were suspected of having little intention to support him; and from this persuasion the Morattoes remained inactive. Captain Clive had found means to fend a messenger to inform them of his situation, and to request their approach to his relief; the messenger returning fafely to the fort, brought a letter from Morari-row, in which he faid that he would not delay a moment to fend a detachment of his troops to the assistance of such brave men as the defenders of Arcot, whose behaviour had now first convinced him that the English could fight.

Raja-saheb receiving intelligence of their intentions, sent a flag of truce on the 30th of October, with proposals for the surrender of the fort. He offered honourable terms to the garrison, and a large sum of money to captain Clive; and if his offers were not accepted, he threatened to storm the fort immediately, and put every man to the sword.

Captain Clive, in his answer, reproached the badness of Chundasaheb's cause, treated Raja-saheb's offers of money with contempt; and
said, that he had too good an opinion of his prudence to believe that
he would attempt to storm, until he had got better soldiers than the
rabble of which his army was composed. As soon as the messenger
was dispatched, the slag of truce was pulled down; but the enemy not
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understanding the rules of European war, numbers of them remained near the ditch parleying with the Sepoys, and perfuading them to defert. The croud was feveral times warned to retire, but continuing to difregard the injunction, were difperfed by a volley of finall arms, which killed feveral of them.

Lieutenant Innis's party, reinforced to the number of 150 Europeans, and with four field pieces, was now advancing under the command of Capt. Killpatrick; and on the 9th of November a detachment of Morattoes arrived in the neighbourhood, and intercepted fome ammunition going to the enemy. They likewife attempted to enter the town; but finding every threet and avenue barricaded, they contented themselves with plundering and setting fire to some houses in the skirts of it, after which they retreated .-

By this time the enemy had, from their battery to the fouth-west, made a breach much larger than that to the north-west, for it extended near 40 yards; but the ditch before it was full of water, and not fordable; and the garrison had counterworked this breach with the fame kinds of defences as the other.

Raja-faheb, exasperated by the answer he had received to his summons, and alarmed by the approach of the Morattoes, and the detachment from Madrafs, determined to florm the fort. In the evening a fivy brought intelligence of this to the garrifon, and at midnight another came with a particular account of all the enemy's dispositions, and of the hour of attack, which was to begin at the dawn of day by the fignal of three bombs. Captain Clive, almost exhausted with fatigue, laid down to fleep, ordering himself to be awakened at the first alarm.

It was the 14th of November, and the festival which commemorates the murder of the brothers Haffein and Jaffein happened to fall out at this time. This is celebrated by the Mahomedaus of Izdoftan with a kind of religious madness, some acting and others inwailing the catastrophe of their faints with fo much energy, aim feveral die of the excelles they commit: they are likewife that whoever falls in battle, against unbelievers, during acredays of this ceremony, thall inflantly be translated into the lefter paradife, without stopping at any, of the intermedical matrice.

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To the enthusiasm of superstition was added the more certain essicacy of inebriation; for most of the troops, as is customary during the agitations of this sessival, had eaten plentifully of bang, a plant which either stupisses, or excites the most desperate excesses of rage. Thus prepared, as soon as the morning broke, the army of Raja-saheb advanced to the attack. Besides a multitude that came with ladders to every part of the walls that were accessible, there appeared sour principal divisions. Two of these divisions advanced to the two gates, and the other two were allotted to the breaches.

Captain Clive, awakened by the alarm, found his garrifon at their posts, according to the dispositions he had made. The parties who attacked the gates drove before them feveral elephants, who, with large plates of iron fixed to their foreheads, were intended to break them down; but the elephants, wounded by the musketry, soon turned, and trampled on those who escorted them. The ditch before the breach to the north-west was fordable; and as many as the breach would admit, mounted it with a mad kind of intrepidity, whilst numbers came and fat down with great composure in the fausse-braye under the tower where the field piece was planted, and waited there to relieve those who were employed in the attack: these passed the breach, and fome of them even got over the first trench before the defenders gave fire; it fell heavily, and every fhot did execution: and a number of muskets were loaded in readiness, which those behind delivered to the first rank as fast as they could discharge them. The two pieces of cannon from the top of the house fired likewise on the affailants, who in a few minutes abandoned the attack, when another body, and then another succeeded, who were driven off in the fame manner: in the mean time bombs, with short fusees, which had been prepared and lodged on the adjacent rampart, were thrown into the fausse-braye, and by their explosion drove the croud, who had feated themselves there, back again over the ditch. At the breach to the fouth-west the enemy brought a raft, and seventy men embarked on it to cross the ditch, which was flanked by two field pieces, one in each tower: the raft had almost gained the fausse-braye, when captain Clive observing that the gunners fired with bad aim, took the management of one of the field pieces himfelf, and in three

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or four difeharges flung them into fuels confusion that they overfet the raft, and tumbled into the ditch; where some of them were drowned, and the rest, intent only on their own preservation, swam back and left the raft behind.

In these different attacks the enemy continued the storm for an hour, when they relinquished all their attempts of annotance at once, and employed themselves earnessly in earrying off their dead. Amongst these was the commander of their Sepors, who sell in the fausse brave of the northern breach; he had diffinguished himself with great bravery in the attack, and was so much beloved by his troops, that one of them cruffed the ditch and carried of his body, exposing himfelf during the attempt to the fire of 40 mulkets, from which he had the good fortune to escape. It seemed as if the enemy expected that the garrifon would permit them to fulfil this duty to their friends: but finding that they fuffered feverely in attempting it, they at last retreated and difanneared. Their loss during the florm was computed to be not less than 400 men killed and wounded, of which very sew were Europeans, for most of the French troops were observed drawn up and looking on at a distance. Of the defenders, only four Europeans were killed and two Sepois wounded. Many of the garrison being difabled by fickness or wounds, the number which repulsed the storm was no more than 80 Europeans, officers included, and 120 Sepoys; and thefe, befides ferving five pieces of cannon, expended 12,000 musket cartridges during the attack.

Two hours after the enemy renewed their fire upon the fort, both with their cannon and with mufketry from the houses: at two in the afternoon they demanded leave to bury their dead, which was granted, and a truce allowed until four: they then recommenced and continued their fire finartly till two in the morning, when on a fudden it ceafed totally; and at day-break, intelligence was brought that the whole army had abandoned the town with preupitation. On receiving this joyful news, the garrifon immediately marched into the enemy's quarters, where they found four pieces of artillery, four mortars, and a large quantity of aumunition, which they brought in triumpli into the fort. During the time that the garrifon were flut up in the

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ber of both wounded, most of whom suffered by the enemy's musketry from the houses.

Thus ended this fiege, maintained 50 days, under every disadvantage of situation and force, by a handful of men in their first campaign, with a spirit worthy of the most veteran troops; and conducted by their young commander with indefatigable activity, unshaken constancy, and undaunted courage: and notwithstanding he had at this time neither read books, or conversed with men capable of giving him much instruction in the military art; all the resources which he employed in the defence of Arcot, were such as are dictated by the best masters in the science of war.

In the evening the detachment with captain Killpatrick entered the town, which the army of Raja-saheb no sooner quitted than all the troops, fent to his affiftance by different chiefs, returned to their homes, and there remained with him only those which had been detached by his father from Tritchinopoly. With these and the French he retired to Velore, and pitching his camp close to the eastern side of the town, fortified it with strong entrenchments. Captain Clive leaving captain Killpatrick with a garrifon in the fort, took the field on the 19th of November, with 200 Europeans, 700 Sepoys, and three field pieces, and marched to Timery, which the governor now furrendered on the first summons: a small garrison was left in this place, and the army returned and encamped near the western side of the city, waiting to be joined by the Morattoes. Of these 5000 horse, with Morari-row at their head, had proceeded to the fouthward, and 1000 under the command of Bafin-row, a nephew of Morari-row, remained to affift captain Clive; but, instead of joining him immediately, they employed themselves some days in plundering the country. As they lay encamped with great negligence within a short march of Velore, the French troops with Raja-saheb attacked them with success in the night, killed 40 or 50 of their horses, and plundered their After this defeat they came to the English camp, and intreated captain Clive to march to the place where they had fuffered, in hopes of recovering their loss. Their request was complied with to keep them in temper; but nothing was recovered, for the enemy had

had carried off and fecured the booty. At this time intelligence was received that a party of Europeans from Pondacherry were approaching towards Arm, a thoug fort fituated about 20 miles to the fourth of Arcot; on which captain Chaerequefied Bitin-row to accompany thim with his troops to intercept their before they thould join Rija-faheb. The Morattoe teeing no probability of acquiring plunder, re-fuled his affithance, and the English marched without him; but hearing that the French party had retreated to Chitapet, returned to their flation near Arcur. Two or three days after, Raja-faheb quitted his encampment near Velore, and in the night made a forced march to Arm, where he was joined by the party from Chittapet. march to Arm, where he was joined by the party from Chitapet.
The Morattoes full continued movelling to accompany the English in quest of the enemy; but, hearing from their speech in the enemy's reinforcement had brought a large sum of money for R nja-saheb, Basinrow now expressed as much eagerness to march against sum as he had hitherto thewn reluctance. The troops immediately moved; but the Morattoe was not able to assemble more than 600 of his horsemen, the reft being employed in their utual excursions. The next aftermoon, by a forced inrich of 20 miles, the army came in fight of the enemy, just as they were preparing to croß the river which runs to the north of Arm. The enemy, encouraged by the superiurity of their force, which contilled of 300 Europeans, 2000 horfe, and 2500 Sepoys, with four field pieces, immediately furmed, and returned to meet them. Captain Clive halted to receive them in an advantageous post: the Morattoes were flationed in a grove of palm trees to the left; the Sepoys in a village to the right; and the Europeans, with the field pieces, in the center, in an open ground, which extended about three hundred yards between the grove and the village; in the front were rue fields, which at this time of the year were very fwampy, and the approach of the enemy's cannon would have been impracticable, had there not been a caufeway leading to the village on the right. The French troops, with about 1500 Sepojs, and their artillery, marched along the crufeway; and the horfe, among it which the rest of the Sepojs were interspersed, moved in a separate body to the left, and attacked the Morattoes in the grove some time before the other wing was engaged any other way than by cannonading

at a distance. The Morattoes fought in a manner peculiar to themfelves: their cavalry were armed with fabres, and every horseman was closely accompanied by a man on foot, armed with a fword and a large club; and some instead of a club carried a short strong spear: if a horse was killed and the rider remained unhurt, he immediately began to act on foot; and if the rider fell, and the horse escaped, he was immediately mounted, and pressed on again to the charge by the first foot-man who could seize him. \ Notwithstanding the difference of numbers, and the advantage of the enemy's disposition, they behaved with great spirit, and made five successive charges, in every one of which they were repulfed by the fire of the enemy's Sepoys. the mean time the other wing advanced towards the village; but their line of march along the causeway was so much galled and enfiladed by the English field pieces, that all but the artillery-men with the cannon, and two or three platoons to support them, quitted the causeway, and formed in the rice fields an extensive front, which reached almost to the grove, where their cavalry were engaged, who imagined that this motion was made to reinforce them. Upon this change in their disposition, two field pieces were sent to support the Morattoes; and the Sepoys, with two platoons of Europeans, were ordered to fally from the village and attack the enemy's artillery. This , unexpected motion terrified those who remained to defend the cannon fo much, that they immediately began to draw them off and retreat. Their example was followed by the Sepoys in the rice fields, and the retreat of these immediately dispirited the horse and foot fighting at the grove, who had fuffered from the two field pieces fent thither; and this whole wing gave way and retreated likewise, pursued by the Morattoes. Capt. Clive, with his infantry and field pieces, advanced along the causeway in pursuit of the enemy, who made a stand at three different choultries in their rout, but were beaten out of each of them; when night coming on, the pursuit ceased. About 50 of the French, and 150 of the enemy's cavalry and Sepoys, were either killed or wounded in the action. The English lost no European, and only eight Sepoys; but of the Morattoes about fifty were either killed or difabled.

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the town of Arni: which at midnight they quitted in great diforder, intending to make the belt of their way to Gingee; and the next morning the English entered the town, in which they found many tents, and a large quantity of baggage. The Morattoes fet out in purfuit of the enemy, and, before night, returned with 400 horses, and Raja-saheb's military cheft, in which they found 100,000 rupees. A great number of the enemy sepons came and offered their fertice to captain Clive, who enlited as many as brought good arms; of whom the number amounted to 600. Receiving intelligence from them that Raja-saheb had deposited some valuable dicts in the fort of Arni, he summoned the governor to deliver them up, together with his fort; who, after some altercations, fent out an elephant and 15 horses, with a great quantity of baggage, and agreed to take the oath of fealty to Mahomed-ally, but refused to furrender his fort; which the army, having no battering cannon, was not in a condition to attack.

The French, during the flege of Arcot, had again taken pollellion of the great pagoda of Conjeveram, and placed in it a garrison of 30 Europeans and 300 Sepoys, who from hence interrupted the communication between Arcot and Madrais, and had furprized a party of difabled men, returning from the fiege. Amongst these were the officers Revel and Glais, to whom the French gave quarter, after they had murdered five or fix Europeans as they lay in their litters without arms, and incapable of making refiftance. Captain Clive determined' to avail himfelf of the difpersion of Raja-faheb's forces to reduce Conjeveram; and two or three days after his victory, marched thither at the head of his own force: for Bafin-row, in obethence to orders which he had received from his uncle, proceeded with the Morattoes from Arni to Tritchinopoly. The French officer at Conjeveram was fummoned to forrender; and none of the garrifon understanding the English language, he ordered his prisoners, Revel and Glass, to write a letter, and acquaint captain Clive, that he intended to expose them on the walls, if the pagoda was attacked. They wrote this, but added, that they hoped no regard to their fafety would induce him to discontinue his operations against the place. The army waited some days for two 18 pounders, which were coming from Madrafs; and

as foon as they arrived began to batter in breach at the distance of 200 yards: the enemy had no cannon, but fired very smartly with their musketry, which killed several men at the battery, and lieutenant Bulkley, reconnoitering the pagoda over a garden-wall in company with captain Clive, was shot through the head close by his side. The wall resisted three days before it began to give way, when the garrison, conscious of their demerits, and dreading the just resentment of the English, abandoned the pagoda in the night, but lest behind the two prisoners. After ruining the desences of Conjeveram, captain Clive sent 200 Europeans and 500 Sepoys to Arcot, and returned in the middle of December with the rest to Madrass; from whence he went to Fort St. David, to give an account of his campaign to the presidency.

During these successes in the province of Arcot, Chunda-saheb beleaguered Tritchinopoly. The French battalion fixed their quarters at a village called Chuckly-pollam, on the fouthern bank of the Caveri, about two miles and a half from the east side of the town. The troops of Chunda-saheb, for the convenience of water, encamped likewise along the bank of the river, and to the eastward of Chucklypollam, which post secured one of the flanks of their camp, and at the other extremity of it, three miles distant, they raised a redoubt, on which they mounted two pieces of cannon. The French, on whom the operations of the fiege principally depended, fent to their fettlement of Karical for a train of battering artillery; and in the beginning of September they raifed their principal battery a little to the fouth of the north-cast angle of the town, and at the distance of 1200 yards from the walls. To fave the fatigue of carrying on trenches between this post and the camp, they afterwards made the battery a regular redoubt, by inclosing it on both flanks and in the rear with a parapet and a deep ditch; here they mounted three 8 pounders, and three mortars, which were defended by a constant guard of 100 Europeans and 400 Sepoys. They likewise mounted two 18 pounders on a rock, which has ever fince obtained the name of the French rock, and is fituated about 2000 yards directly east from the south-east angle of the town; they also raised a battery of two guns on the island of Seringham, from which they fired across the 4 1, 1, 30 3 .

the Caveri at the northern gate of the city, to interrupt the communication of the inhabitants with the river; these guns, as well as those on the French rock, were at too great a distance to make any impression on the walls. By these works alone they hoped to reduce the city: the infufficiency of them foon raifed in the English battalion a contempt of their courage and military abilities, and it was now that they began to be assumed of having retreated before such an enemy; and judging, as utual, from events, to blame their commander for an excets of caution in his retreat, of which their own panicks had been the principal cause: for captain Gingen was undoubtedly a man of courage, and had feen much fervice in Europe; but having had no experience against an Indian army, fell into the error of imagining that the cavalry of Chunda-falseb would act with all the vigour of which their number and appearance feemed capable. His prudence, if improper before, became abfolutely neeeffary now, as the French had taken pollettion of posts in which they could do no harm to the town, but from which they could not be driven without great loss: he therefore determined to preserve his men, whilst the enemy fatigued their troops and exhausted their ammunition to no purpose: and in this intention he kept the greatest part of the battalion and Sepoys encamped close to the western side of the town. where they were out of the reach of annoyance.

To fave that part of the wall against which the enemy's principal battery fired, a glacis was raifed to fuch a height as left nothing but the parapet exposed; and the grenadiers, commanded by captain Dalton, were posted behind this glacis: an entrenchment was flung up between the French rock and the fouth-east angle of the town, in which the company of Coffrees were posted, to protect from surprizes the Nabob's cavalry encamped to the fouth; and to oppose the enemy's battery in the island, two guns were mounted close to the fouthern!

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To infilade thefe, the French mounted two guns on the fame fide! of the river; but were one night driven from this post by captain! Dalton: they, a few days after, furprized the English entrenchment' opposite to the French rock, and carried off the captain and mine Dd.

treaty by his oath, and the Dalaway determined to affift him with efficacy. In confequence of this negociation, a party of feventy horsemen arrived at Tritchinopoly in the beginning of October from Seringapatnam, the capital of Myfore. They brought five hundred thousand rupees; great respect was thewn to their officer; and the day after his arrival a fkirmish happened, which, although inconsiderable, gave him a favourable opinion of the Nabob's European allies. A platoon, with two or three companies of Sepoys, were fent to cut down wood at a grove fituated about a mile and a half fouth-caft from the city. The enemy having intelligence of this detachment, fent a large body of cavalry to cut off their retreat; their march being discovered from the rock in the city, the grenadiers, with some Sepoys, and one field piece, were fent to support the first party, and the troop of Myforeans accompanied them. Captain Dalton meeting the wood-carts loaded, ordered them to proceed to the town by a diftant road, and forming the two parties into one column, with the field piece in front, marched towards the enemy, instead of returning directly to the city. He first met the French dragoons, who halted on a small eminence to reconnoitre, and waited there until they received the fire of a platoon, on which they retreated to bring up the body of Chunda-faheb's cavalry, who remained at some distance in the rear. These came up some time after at full speed, slourishing their fwords, and made a halt within point blank that, to draw the fire of the English troops before they charged; but captain Dalton ordered his men to preferse it, and wait with fixed bayonets in close order. The field piece alone was fired, and the first shot difinounted three Moors, and a few more discharges put the whole body to flight, They left 22 horfes killed on the plain, and the Myforeans took five prisoners, together with their horses; which at their return, a few days after, they carried in a kind of triumph to their own country.

The French continued to bombard the town without any change in their polition; and in the latter end of November the king of My-fords army hegan to assemble at Caroor, stuated about 50 miles from Tritchinopoly, and 5 miles to the south of the Caveri; he likewice took into his pay 6000 Morattoes, under the command of Morari-row, often mentioned in this history: 1000 of them were sent to second

the efforts of captain Clive in the Arcot province; and in the beginning of December, 500 under the command of Innis-Khan, a brave and active officer, came to Tritchinopoly. The day after their arrival, they went boldly to reconnoitre the plain, where none of the Nabob's dispirited cavalry had ever ventured to shew themselves, and finding a small detached camp of about 200 horse, which had lain four months unmolested near the French 10ck, they rode into it sword in hand, and brought off every thing they found with the greatest composure, shewing no fear at the swarms of Chunda-saheb's cavalry, who mounted and marched towards them from their principal camp.

After this exploit, the Morattoes went out feveral days fucceffively to reconnoitre; and Innis-Khan having observed that the French dragoons were much more alert than any of Chunda-faheb's cavalry, mounting and advancing on every alarm, he formed the defign of drawing them into an'ambuscade; and having communicated his plan to captain Gingen, a party of Europeans, with two field pieces, were detached before day, who entering a large and deep water-course, which runs across the plain to the south of the city, concealed themselves in it, within 400 yards of the French rock, and at the same time Innis-Khan, with 300 horsemen, marched out from his encampment on the west side of the town. face of the plain round Tritchinopoly is 'very uneven, and full of hollow ways. The Morattoe taking a large circuit, placed his men in a hollow, where, when difmounted, they could not be perceived either from the French rock or that in the city. Every thing remained quiet in both camps until noon, when 40 Morattoes, mounted on the best horses, set out from the camp, and keeping out of cannonshot of the French rock, proceeded to the eastward of it, and then galloped fword in hand directly to the enemy's camp, where they made no small hurry and confusion, either cutting down or driving all the foragers they met, quite up to the tents. This provoking the French, 60 dragoons fallied, and were followed flowly by 400 of Chunda-faheb's cavalry. The Morattoes retreated leifurely before them, halting as they halted, but always keeping at the distance of musket-shot from them: and in this manner they led the enemy as far

as the French rock, when Mr. Pifehard, a brave officer, exasperated at the reneated defiances of fuch a handful of men, formed his troon. and leaving the Moorish cavalry, fet out in pursuit of them at full freed. They now flew before the dragoous, until they had led them infemilily out of the reach of the French artillery on the rock, and beyond their own party in ambuscade; when these mounting in an instant, fallied from the hollow way, and charged the dragoons imnemously in the rear, whilst the flying party wheeling, attacked them with equal fury in front. The action was over in an inflant : the French had only time to discharge a sew pistols, and were all out to pieces, excepting 10, who had not been able to keep up with the reft. The detachment of Chunda-faheb's eavalry, either from cowardice, or fuspicion of the stratagem, never stirred from the rock; but the officer who commanded in that post detached 100 men to succour his unfortunate friends. Lieutenant Trufler, posted in the entrenehment opposite the rock, seeing them march, and not knowing the success of the Morattoes, immediately advanced with the company of Coffrees to oblige the party to return, who finding all loft on the plain. haftened back and faved the rock, which Truffer was on the point of earrying. The fuccess of this ambuseade dispirited the enemy so much, that they suffered their dead to lay on the plain without venturing out to bury them; and when, two days after, the English went to perform this charitable office, they found the bodies devoured by the jackals.

The Morattoes, on the other hand, were so much elevated, and conceived so despicable an opinion of the enemy, that they pressed it their allies to march out and offer them battle: promising, that if the English battalion would engage the French, they would prevent it from being incommoded by Chunda-saheb's cavalry, although these were 12,000, and they themselves only 500. The reasonable objections made to this hardy proposal satisfied them, until the arrival of Basin-row with his body.of. 1000 men from the Arcot country, when thinking that this reinforcement rendered them a full match for the enemy, they aspired at the glory of sinshing the war themselves, and became more and more follicitous for a general engagement.

ment, in which they promifed to charge the French battalion on both flanks; finding that the English still declined to put any thing to risque until the arrival of the Mysore army, and of a reinforcement expected from Fort St. David, they did not scruple to tell them, that they were not the same kind of men as those they had seen sighting so gallantly at Arcot.

In the mean time the army of Mysore, with 4000 Morattoes under Morari-row, had assembled on the frontier of Caroor; and the regent, after many delays, at last yielded to the pressing sollientations of the Nabob, and prepared to march to Tritchinopoly; when the enemy having intelligence of his intention, ventured to detach a strong party of Europeans, cavalry and Sepoys, to the village of Kishawaram, situated 30 miles to the west of the city in the high road to Mysore: they found the place, although fortified, without a garrison; and as soon as they were in possession of it, began to improve the detences, spreading a report, that if the Mysoreans offered to-move, they would attack them, and afterwards pillage their country. This stepped the regent's march, and he wrote to the Nabob desiring that a roong party of Europeans might be sent to his assistance without delay, as he was utterly ignorant of the manner in which he ought to conduct himself against white men who sought with musketry and cannon.

Lieutenant Trusser was detached on this service with 40 Europeans and 100 Sepoys; but it soon appearing that this force was insufficient, captain Cope proceeded with 100 more Europeans and two small sield pieces. He was instructed to dislodge the enemy at all events, and found them posted in a much stronger situation than he expected. The village was inclosed by a mud wall, slanked by round towers, and in the center of it was, a fort: the northern side was close to the bank of the Caveri, and the other sides were surrounded by a deep moras, passable only in one part to the westward; to defend which, the French had slung up on an eminence an entrenchment at the distance of gun-shot from the village. Captain Cope encamped to the west of this eminence, which he intended to attack before day-break, but by some mistake the troops were not ready before the sun was risen, by which time the enemy had reinforced the post, and had lined several

feveral banks and water-course leading to it with Sepoys: he nevertheless persisted in his intention; but the forlorm-hope coming to a bank which sheltered them from the enemy's fire, could not be prevailed on to advance beyond it, and this example was followed by the rest. Lieutenant Felix received a shot through the body, as he stood encouraging them on the top of the bank; and soon after, captain Cope, returning with a platoon from the reserve, was mortally wounded; on which disasters the whole party retreated to their campin disarter.

. Captain Dalton was fent from Tritchmopoly to take the command, , and found the detachment joined by the van of the Myfore army; and two days after the regent himfelf came up with the reft; the whole confifted of 12,000 horse and 8,000 foot, including the Mointtoes. He immediately defired a conference with captain Dalton, whom he received with great politeness, admiring, not without astonishment, the martial appearance and regularity of the English troops; and forming naturally the fame high opinion of the French, he declared, that he should neither expose his men, nor lose time, in attacking them, but proceed at midnight with half the army directly to Tritchinopoly by another road at fome distance on the plain, leaving the rest with captain Dalton, whom he requested to divert the enemy's attention by a false attack until he was out of the reach of danger: and, not content with these precautions, he defired that some Europeans might accompany him as a fafeguard to his perfon. These dispositions answering the purpose for which the detachment was fent, captain Dalton encouraged him in his refolution, and at midnight began to fkirmish against the enemy's posts, which he kept alarmed until morning, by which time the rear of the regent's division was out of fight. This fervice proved to be much more necessary than it first appeared to be: for fuch was the military ignorance of the My foreans, that they were difcovered in the night passing over the plain with ten thousand lights, as if they had been marching in the procession of an Indian wedding,

The next day the rest of their army proceeded, desiring captain Dalton to remain before the village until they were out of fight, and promised to halt and wait for him; but they were no sooner out of danger than they hurried away to join the regent. Somehours after, the Englishde-

tachment decamped, and passing by Kistnavaram without molestation from the garrison, returned to Tritchinopoly, where they arrived on the 6th of February, and the French soon after recalled their detachment.

The junction of the Mysoreans determined the king of Tanjore to declare for the Nabob; and foon after their arrival he fent to Tritchinopoly 3000 horse and 2000 foot under the command of his general Monack-jee. The Polygar Tondiman, whose country lies between Tanjore and Madura, likewise sent 400 horse and 3000 Colleries: these are a people, who, under several petty chiefs, inhabit the woods between Tritchinopoly and Cape Comorin; their name in their own language fignifies Thieves, and justly describes their general character, which however has differences in different parts of the country. Those to the north of Madura are almost savage: their weapon is a pike 18 feet long, with which they creep along the ground, and use it with great address in ambuscades; but the principal fervice they render to an army is, by ftealing or killing the horses of the enemy's camp. Thus the force of Mahomed-ally became on a fudden fuperior to that of Chunda-faheb; for the troops of his allies joined to his own, formed a body of 20,000 cavalry, 6000 of which were Morattoes, and of 20,000 infantry. The army of Chunda-saheb had likewise since their arrival before Tritchinopoly, been augmented to 15,000 horse and 20,000 foot, by the junction of 3000 horse commanded by Allum-Khan, the governor of Madura, and of 4000 Peons and Colleries belonging to the Polygar, Morawar, whose country lies to the fouth of the kingdom of Tanjore. The king of Mysore, impatient to be put in possession of the places which Mahomed-ally had agreed to give up to him in return for his. affistance, pressed the English battalion to make a general attack on the enemy with the whole army, and Morari-row, the Morattoe, feconded him very strongly in this proposal; but captain Gingen knowing that these Indian troops were capable of rendering very little fervice against fortified posts, defended by Europeans, and considering that if the English battalion, on whom the brunt would lay, should fuffer feverely in these attacks, such a loss would be irreparable, he determined to wait until he was reinforced by a body of Europeans, which were preparing to take the field in the province of Arcot.

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houses built by the English at the foot of St Thomas s mount after
these hostilities, they returned to Conjeveram, and having repured
the damages which the pageda had sustained from the English,
they gririfoned it with 300 Sepoys, and then kept the field between
this place and the fort of Ponamalee, which they sometimes threatened to attack The violences they committed, and the contributions they levied, impaired the Nabob's as well as the Company's revenues so much, that the presidency determined to make an effort, with all the force they could assemble, to reduce this enemy, before they sent a reinforcement to Tritchinopoly Captain Clive, appointed to this refunction to Trienmappy of February to Madraß, where, whilst he was employed in levying Sepoys, a detachment of 100 Europeans arrived from Bengal with these, and 80 more from the garrifon of Madrafs, he took the field the 22d of February, and was garrien or manuals, he took the heat the 22d of Leibhary, and was
the fame day joined by 200 Europeans and 500 Sepoys from the garrien of Arcot His whole force united confifted of 380 Europeans,
1300 Sepoys, with its field pieces the enemy were 2500 horfe, 2000
Sepoys, and 400 Europeans, with a large train of artillery and, notwithflanding this inperiority, they no fooner heard of the preparations that the English were making to attack them, than they fortified themselves strongly in their camp it Vendalore, a village situated about 25 miles south west of Madris Cuptain Chve marched towards them with an intent of attacking their camp by furprize in the rear, but had not proceeded far before he received information that they had fuddenly abandoned it, and had dispersed with the appearance of people terrified by fome diffilter, infomuch that it was beheved they had received news of fome had fuccels at Tritchinopoly, and were hurrying thither to reinforce the army of Chunda faheb The English however continued their maich, and took possession of the ground the enemy had quatted, where, fome hours after, intelli-gence was received, that all the dispersed parties were re united at Ľe

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Conjeveram. It was then not doubted that they had received advice of the weakness of the garrison at Arcot; and that they intended to take advantage of it by making a sudden assault on the fort. Captain Clive therefore made a forced march of 20 miles to Conjeveram, where the garrison of the pagoda surrendered on the sirst summons; and a few hours after, the conjecture which had been made of the enemy's intentions was verified by news that they were in full march towards Arcot. The troops were too much fatigued to follow them. immediately, but the next day took the same rout; and on their march, a letter was received from the commanding officer at Arcot, advising that they had entered the town, and skirmished against the fort with musketry for several hours in expectation that the gates would have been opened to them by two officers of the English Sepoys, with whom they had carried on a correspondence; but that the plot had been discovered, and the enemy finding their fignals not answered, had quitted the city with precipitation, and it was not yet known what rout they had taken. In this uncertainty it was determined to haften to Arcot.

The army arrived in fight of Covrepauk at fun-fet, when the van marching in the high road without fuspicion, were fired upon from the right at no greater distance than 250 yards, by nine pieces of eannon. These were the French artillery, posted in a thick grove of mango trees, which had a ditch and a bank in front: the fire did fome mischief before it could be either answered or avoided; but luckily there was a water-course at a little distance to the left of the road, in which the infantry were ordered to take shelter, and the baggage to march back half a mile with one of the field pieces and a platoon to defend it; and two field pieces, supported by a platoon of-Europeans with 200 Sepoys, were detached to oppose Raja-saheb's cavalry which appeared extending themselves on the plain to the left of the water-course; in the mean time the rest of the artillery, drawn up on the right, answered the enemy's fire from the grove; the French infantry entered the water-course, and advanced along it in a column of fix men in front: the English formed in the same order, and a fire was kept up on both fides for two hours, by moon-light, during which neither ventured to come to the push of bayonet. The enemy's

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cavalry made feveral unfuceefsful attacks both on the party opposed to them, and the baggage in the rear: but their artillery in the grove being answered only by three pieces of eannon, did execution in proportion to this fuperiority, and either killed or disabled so many of the English gunners that prudence seemed to dictate a retreat, unless their cannon could be taken. Captain Clive did not defpair of this last resource, and at ten at night fent one Shawlum, a ferjeant, who fpoke the country languages, with a few Sepoys, to reconnoitre: he' returned and reported that the enemy had posted no guards in the rear of the grove; on which intelligence 200 of the best Europeans and 400 Senovs were immediately ordered to proceed thither under the command of lieutenant Keene, with Shawlum as their guide. Captain Clive himfelf accompanied the detachment half way, and on his return found the troops he had left fighting in the water-course fo much dispirited by the departure of Keene's detachment, that they were on the point of taking flight, and fome had already run away; he, however, not without difficulty, rallied them, and the firing was renewed. In the mean time Keene taking a large circuit, came directly opposite to the rear of the grove, and halted at the distance of 300 yards from it, whilft enlign Symmonds advanced alone to examine the enemy's disposition. This officer had not proceeded far before he came to a deep trench, in which a large body, confifting of all the enemy's Sepoys, whose service had not been demanded in the watercourse, were fitting down to avoid the random shots of the fight. They challenged Symmonds, and prepared at first to shoot him, but deceived by his fpeaking French, suffered him to pass as a French officer; he then went on to the grove, where he perceived, belides the men employed at the guns, 100 Europeans stationed to support them, who only kept a look-out towards the field of battle; and paffing in his return at a distance to the right of the trench where he had found the enemy's Sepoys, he rejoined his own detachment; who immediately marehed by the fame way he had returned, and eutering the grove unperceived, gave their fire in a general volley at the diftance of 30 yards. It fell heavy, and aftonished the enemy so much that they did not return a fingle flot, but inflantly abandoned their

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guns, every man endeavouring to fave himself by precipitate slight. Many of them ran into a choultry in the grove, where they were fo crowded together that they were not able to make use of their arms. The English drew up before the choultry, and to spare the impending flaughter of their fire, offered quarter, which was accepted with joy, and the Frenchmen coming out one by one, as they were ordered, delivered up their arms, and were made prisoners. The English troops fighting at the water-course were immediately convinced of the fuccess of the detachment, by the sudden silence of the enemy's artillery: but the enemy's infantry remained ignorant of it, and continued the fight, until some of the fugitives from the grove informed them of the difaster, on which they immediately took slight, and their horse dispersed at the same time. The field being thus cleared, the whole army united, and remained under arms until day-break, when they found themselves in possession of nine field pieces, three cohorn mortars, and 60 European prisoners. They likewise counted 50 dead on the field, and not less than 300 Sepoys: for the enemy had exposed these troops more freely than the others. Of the English, 40 Europeans and 30 Sepoys were killed, and a great number of both wounded.

Part of the fugitives took shelter in the neighbouring fort of Covrepauk, which was summoned to surrender; but the governor returned answer, that the troops of Raja-saheb were much more numerous than his garrison, and, contrary to his inclination, intended to defend the fort: a detachment was therefore sent to invest it, but before they arrived the sugitives abandoned it, upon which he submitted.

From hence the troops proceeded to Arcot, and the next day marched towards Velore, not in expectation of reducing the place, but in hopes that some hostilities would induce Mortiz-ally to pay a contribution, or at least to deliver up the elephants and baggage, which Raja-saheb had deposited in his fort soon after he had raised the siege of Arcot; but before the troops came in sight of Velore, captain Clive received an order from the presidency of Fort St. David, to repair thither with all his force, for it was now determined to send them

them to Tritchinopoly. He therefore changed his rout, and marching across the country, came to the fact where Nazir-jing had been killed; here he found a riting town projected by the vanity of Mr. Dupleix to commemorate that detellable action, and called Dupleix-. Fateabad, or the town of Dopleix's victory: it is faid, that he was preparing a column, with a pompous inteription in the French, Malabar, Perfic, and Indottan languages, which he intended to creek in the middle of the town, where he had already caused coins flruck with fymbols of the victory to be buried. The trixips did not quit this place until they had razed to the ground all that was erefled, after which they proceeded to Fort St. David. During the whole march they no where met a fingle figuation of the enemy's troops. The defeat at Covrepauk fucceeding to their former difgraces, intirely broke their force as well as their spirits: their horse either difbanded, or took fervice with the governors in the provinces who full acknowledged Chunda-faheb; and the French troops and Sepois were recalled to Poadicherry, where Mr. Dapleix was for incenfed -- against Raia-saheb, that he would not funer him for several days to appear in his prefence. Thus the English fuccelles in the Carnatic recovered to Mahomed-ally an extent of country 32 miles in breadth and 60 in length, the annual revenues of which, including that of the famous pagoda at Tripetti, amounted to 400,000 pagodas.

Three days after their arrival at Fort St. David, the thoops were ready to take the field again under the command of captain Clive, when, on the 15th of March, Major Lawrencearrived from England, and two days after put himfelf at the head of the detachment. It confifled of 400 Europeans and troo Sepoys, with eight field pieces, who efforting a large quantity of military flores, marched through

the king of Tanjore's country towards Tritchinopoly.

Here the Myforeans and Morattoes were fo much diffileafed with the precaution of captain Gingen, who conflantly refuted to attack the enemy's poffs before he was joined by the expeded reinforcement, that the Dalaway of Myfore, difficile by the great expenses of his army, had more than once been on the point of returning to his own country: however, him the Nabob appeafed, by making

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Both armies were equally follicitous of the fate of the approaching reinforcement, and Mr. Dupleix fent repeated orders to Mr. Law, who commanded the French battalion, to intercept them at all events. They arrived on the 26th of March at a fort belonging to the king of Tanjore, within 20 miles of Tritchinopoly; where they deposited fuch part of the stores, as would have retarded their march and embaraffed their operations. The next day proceeding along the high road, which passeth within point blank shot of Coiladdy, major Lawrence received intelligence that the enemy had posted at this fort a ftrong party with artillery: on which he ordered his guides to look out for another road; but they, by some mistake, led him within reach of the very spot he wanted to avoid, and the troops were unexpectedly fired upon by fix pieces of cannon from across the Caveri. To divert this fire from the baggage, among which it created no small confusion, it was answered from the rear division of guns consisting of four field pieces, supported by 100 Europeans, under the command of captain Clive, whilst the line marched on inclining to the left, which direction foon brought them out of the enemy's reach, but not before 20 Europeans were killed. They then halted, and were joined by the rear division, after which they continued their march without meeting any farther interruption, and in the evening halted within 10 miles of Tritchinopoly. From hence captain Gingen detached in the night 100 Europeans, with 50 dragoons, who joined the reinforcement before morning; and at day-break captain Dalton was likewise detached from the city with his own company of grenadiers, and another of the battalion, in all 200 Europeans, 400 Sepoys, and four field pieces, who were ordered to lie at a rock called the Sugarloaf, about three miles fouth of the French rock, from whence they were to join the reinforcement, as foon as it came in fight.

In the mean time the major advanced towards Elimiserum. This is a rock with a fortified pagoda on the fummit, where the French had mounted cannon: it is fituated three miles to the fouth-east of the French rock; and between these two posts the greatest part of the enemy's army were drawn up in order of (battle;) the rest were in a line which extended from the French rock to the village of Chucklypollam by the river fide. . The major, informed of this difposition, made to furround him if he passed to the north of Elimiserum, directed his march to the fouth of it; and before he came in fight of the enemy, the whole of the confederate troops, employed for the Nabob, were in the field, and by their appearance deterred the enemy from making any detachments to attack the major. At noon, captain Dalton's party, with the Myforeans and the Nabob's troops met him half-way between Elimiferum and the fugar-loaf-rock, whill Morari-row with the Morattoes remained skirmishing faintly with the enemy.

The sun striking excessively hot, the troops were ordered to halt and refresh themselves; but in less than half an hour the seouts came in at full speed, bringing intelligence that the whole of the enemy's army was advancing, and that the fire of their cannon had put the Morattoes to slight: these soon after came up, and forming with the rest of the allies in the rear of the Europeans and Sepoys, sollowed

them flowly at a distance.

Captain Clive having reconnoitred the enemy, reported, that there was a large choultry, with some stone buildings, not far from the front of the French battalion, which they, bused in forming their line, had neglected to take possession of. On this advice he was ordered to proceed with the first division of artillery, supported by the grenadiers, as fast as possible to the choultry, whist the rest of the column moved up slowly in regular order. The enemy, instead of fending forward a detachment to prevent them, contented themselves with cannonading as their battalion advanced, which had approached within 800 yards of the choultry by the time the English detachment arrived there: and now made a push against their artillery, which was so well pointed, that it kept them at a distance until the rest of the battalion and Sepoys came up. The confederate troop, unwilling to expose their horses to a cannonade, halted at a distance; but

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those of Chunda-saheb, commanded by Allum-Khan, the governor of Madura, kept close to the rear of the French. A cannonade ensued, the hottest without doubt, for the time it lasted, that had ever been feen on the plains of Indostan; for the French fired from 22 pieces of cannon and the English from nine. Such of the English troops as were not employed at the guns found shelter behind the choultry and the buildings near it, whilft the whole of the enemy's army flood exposed on the open plain, suffering in proportion to this disadvantage. The French battalion in half an hour began to waver, and drew off their guns to a greater distance, upon which the English advanced their artillery, and the men of the battalion who supported them were ordered to fit down with their arms grounded; by which precaution many lives were faved. They still continued to retreat, but Chunda-saheb's cavalry kept their ground for some time, and sustained. the cannonade with much more firmness than had ever been obferved in the troops of India: they were spirited by the example of their commander, Allum-Khan, whose head was at length taken off by a cannon-ball, as he was encouraging them to advance; on which difaster they gave way and retreated likewise. The Captains Clive and Dalton continuing to advance with the first division of artillery, followed the French, who flung themselves into a great water-course near the French rock, where they were on the point of being enfiladed by a fire that would have made great havock amongst them; when Major Lawrence, fatisfied with the advantages that had been gained, and unwilling to expose the men to more fatigue under fuch a burning fun, ordered the pursuit to cease. Seven men of the battalion were struck dead by the heat, and 14 were killed or disabled by the cannonade. The French lost about 40 men; and 300 of Chunda-faheb's troops, with 285 horfes and an elephant, were found dead on the plain. The fuccess of this day might have been much greater, had the confederate troops behaved with common activity, instead of which they remained at a distance, idle spectators, nor could they be prevailed on to make a fingle charge, even when the enemy's cavalry retreated. This inaction proceeded not from want of bravery, but from the treachery of Morari-row, who being at this time in treaty with Chunda-faheb, was unwilling to bring his Morattoes to action; and such was the opinion entertained of their courage, that none of the rest of the allies would venture to fight without them.

Major Lawrence continuing his march, arrived in the evening at Tritchinopoly, and the next day conferred with the Nabob and the other generals on the plan of their future operations; they concurred in opinion that a general attack should be made without delay on the enemy's camp; but when the time was to be fixed, he found both Moors and Indians fo attached to lucky and unlucky days, that feveral were likely to be loft before they would agree in the notion of a fortunate hour, without which none of them thought it fafe to rifk an engagement. In the mean time, thinking it not prudent to fuffer the enemy to recover from the impression which they had received on the day of his arrival, he determined to attempt as much against them as could be executed with his own force; and perceiving that the French posts were too strongly fortified to be carried without the assistance of the whole army, he resolved to attack the camp of Chunda-saheb, which extended along the river without entrenchments. On the 1st of April at night, captain Dalton, with 400 men, was ordered to march, and, by taking a large circuit, to come in at the eastern extremity of the enemy's camp, which he was to enter, beat up, and fet fire to. The English troops, from their long inactivity, knew so little of the ground about Tritchinopoly, that they were obliged to trust to Indian guides; and these being ordered to conduct them out of the reach of the enemy's advanced posts, fell into the other extreme, . and led them feveral miles out of their way, and through fuch bad roads, that when the morning flar appeared, they found themselves between Elimiferum and the French rock, two miles from Chundafaheb's camp, and in the center of all their posts. The approach of day not only rendered it impossible to surprize the enemy, as was intended, but likewife exposed the party, if they perfisted, to the danger of being furrounded by their whole force: it was therefore determined to march back without delay to Tritchinopoly. The French difcovered them as they were retreating, and gueffing at the intention for which they had been fent, thought themselves no longer safe to the fouth of the Caveri, and took the refolution of retreating that

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very day to the pagodas on the island. Chunda-saheb strenuously opposed this resolution, for which indeed there appeared no necessity; but finding that he could not prevail on Mr. Law to alter it, he gave orders for his own troops to cross the river likewise. The retreat, as is usual when measures have not been previously concerted, was made with so much precipitation, that his army had time to transport only a part of their baggage, but none of the vast quantity of provisions with which they had stored their magazines; these they therefore set fire to. The French carrying off their artillery, abandoned all their posts excepting Elimiserum, and before the next morning the whole army was on the island, where Mr. Law took up his quarters in the pagoda of Jumbakistna; of Chunda-saheb's troops some went into the pagoda of Seringham, others encamped under the northern wall, and the rest extended farther eastward along the bank of the Coleroon.

The next day, captain Dalton was fent with the company of grenadiers, some Morattoes and Sepoys, to attack Elimiserum: the party had with them two pieces of cannon and a mortar, the transporting of which through bad roads prevented them from arriving near the place before night, when captain Dalton-with two others advanced to reconnoitre. Discovering no centinels, and finding the gate of the wall which furrounds the foot of the rock open, they concluded that the place was abandoned, and entering, began to afcend the steps which led to the pagoda on the fummit; but before they got there, the enemy, alarmed by the neighing of the horses, ran to their guns and fired upon the detachment, which they discovered, first by the light of their matches, and foon after by the blaze of fome huts to which the Morattoes, as is their custom, had fet fire. of the guns, and the darkness of the night, enabled captain Dalton and his companions to retreat unperceived; and as foon as he rejoined the detachment, he fent some men to lodge themselves under cover of a bank before the lower gate, where they were directed to remain until morning, in order to prevent the enemy from making their escape. But this party, desirous of signalizing themselves, imprudently exceeded their orders, and entering the lower gate, ran up the steps, and endeavoured to force the doors of the pagoda above; where

where they were received with a finart fire, which foon obliged them to retreat with five Europeans and ten Sepays wounded, A reinforcement was immediately fent to take charge of the bank, and all remained quiet until morning, when the enemy, perceiving that preparations were making to bomb and them, furrendered ropeans, thirty Sepoys, and two pieces of cannon, one of them a fine 18 pounder, were found here, the fmaller piece of cannon, with fome Sepoys, were left to garrifon this post, the rest returned with the other gun to I'ntchinopoly, which was pretented to the Nabob, as the first which had been taken during the campaign. Two days after the grenadiers, who had always behaved with the foirit occuliar to this class of foldiers, gained another advantage. The great men of the alhed army complained, that they were much diffurbed in their daily ablutions in the Caveri, by a gun which fired from the choultry lying half-way between the pagoda of Seringham and the river. Captain Dalton was fent to attack this post, who concealed his men behind an old wall on the bank of the river, where they waited till near noon, when the great heat of the fun induced a part of the enemy's guard to return to the camp, and the reft to repre into the choultry to fleep: the grenadiers then rushed acrois the river, which was fordable, and entered the post with so much rapidity that they took the gun before the enemy had tune to fire it more than once, it was brought away without any opposition, for some field nicees had been fent to the mor-fide to cover the retreat

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would have no influence in fuch fangumary wars as most writers
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to relinquish his correspondence with Chunda-saheb, and impressed the enemy with terrors equal to those which they had formerly raised both in the English and the Nabob's army: there seemed to be no sense in their councils. The whole Carnatic lay before them, and by retreating into it they might protract the war until the want of money should decide the contest; but instead of taking this step, they suffered themselves to be captivated by the apparent strength of the two pagodas, and determined to stand their ground in them, notwithstanding that, by the destruction of their magazines, they were already reduced to the necessity of setching their provisions from a great distance: they were afraid to sight, and ashamed to retreat.

At the same time nothing but a resolution, justified by very few examples, and bordering in appearance on rafhness, seemed capable of putting a speedy end to the war, of which the expences had now greatly distressed the East India company's mercantile affairs. intimacy and confidence with which major Lawrence distinguished capt. Clive, permitted this officer to fuggest to him the resolution of dividing the army into two bodies, and detaching one of these under his command to the north of the Coleroon, whilst the other remained to the fouth of the Caveri: this was rifquing the whole to gain the whole; for if the enemy should overpower one of these bodies, by attacking it with their whole force, the Nabob's affairs would again be reduced to the brink of ruin; and if they neglected or failed in this attempt, they would infallibly be ruined themselves. pofal, hardy as it was, was adopted by the major without any hefitation; and with a spirit of equity rarely possessed by competitors for glory, he was fo far from taking umbrage at the author of this mafterly advice, that he determined in his own mind to give him the command of the feparate body, although he refrained from declaring his intention until he could reconcile it to the rest of the captains in the battalion, who were all of them his superiors in rank; but the scheme was no fooner proposed to the Nabob and the generals of the alliance, than the Morattoes and Myforeans removed the difficulty, by declaring that they would not make any detachments of their troops if they were to be commanded by any other person. It was necessary to reduce the posts of which the enemy were in possession to the north of the Coleroon to intercent the reinforcements which might come from Pondicherry through the streights of Utatoor, and above all, that captain Clive's division should not be out of the reach of a forced march from the rest of the army encamped near Intchmopoly, lest the whole of the enemy's farce should full upon him before major Lawrence could move to his affiffance. It was therefore determined to chuse such a central situation between the streights of Utatoor and the Coleroon as would best answer all these intentions Livery thing being fettled, captain Chie began his march in the night of the 6th of April with 400 Luropeans, 700 Seposs, 3000 Morattoes under the command of lunis-khan, 1000 of the Lamornie horfe, and eight pieces of artillery, two of which were battering cannon, and fix of them field pieces. In conceal their march, they croffed over into the illand three miles to the cultward of lumbakiling. The number of deep water-courses which intersected this part of it, rendered the transporting of the cannon difficult and laborious, and whilst the Europeans were employed at one of the water-courses, a body of the enemy's Sepoys, returning from Coiladdy with a convoy of oven laden with provisions, came up, intending to pass at the same place, and before they could retreat, received two or three vullies, which killed feveral of them

The troops having paffed the Coleroon before morning, proceeded feven indes to the north of it, and took possession of the village of Saminavaram, in which are two passons about a quarter of a mile distant from each other, one on each fide of the high road leading to Utatoor these were allotted for the quarters of the Luropeaus and Sepoys, ravehus were immediately flung up before the gates, and a redoubt capable of receiving all the caimon wis constructed to command the road to the north and south. The Morattoes and Tanjorines encumped round the pagodas

Whilft the army were employed in these works, a party from Scringham took possession of Munsurpett, a pagoda situated near the high road between Pitchandah and Samaavram. It commanded a view of the country several miles, which advantage, joined to that of its situation, rendered it the best advanced post that could be chosen by either side, a detachment was therefore immediately sent to dis-

lodge the enemy, who defended themselves all day, killing an officer, three Europeans, and 10 Sepoys, and in the night made their escape to Pitchandah undiscovered.

The next day a party of Sepoys, with a few Europeans, were detached to attack Lalguddy, a mud fort fituated about feven miles to the eaft of Seringham, close to the bank of the Coleroon, and opposite to the eastern part of the enemy's late encampment to the south of the Caveri. They kept a garrison of Sepoys here, intending to make it an intermediate magazine of provisions, which were to be brought from hence to their camp on the island as opportunity offered. The Sepoys attacking the fort by escalade, carried it after a faint resistance, and found in it a quantity of grain sufficient for ten thousand men for two months.

Mr. Dupleix, against whose orders Mr. Law had retreated to the north of the Caveri, was much alarmed at the critical fituation to which the army of Chunda-faheb and his own troops were reduced. He, however, with his usual perseverance and activity, determined to make the greatest efforts he was able to reinforce them; and immediately on receiving news that captain Clive was encamped at Samiavaram, detached 120 Europeans, 500 Sepoys, and four field pieces, with a large convoy of provisions and stores. This party was led by Mr. D'Auteuil, who was empowered to take the command They arrived on the 14th of April at Utatoor, and from Mr. Law. intended, by making a large circuit to the west of Samiayaram, to gain in the night the bank of the Coleroon. The fate of the two. armies depended in a great measure upon the success or miscarriage of this convoy and reinforcement. Captain Clive, apprized of Mr. D'Auteuil's intention, set out the same night with the greatest part of his force to intercept him; but Mr. D'Auteuil receiving advice of his approach, immediately turned back and regained the fort; on which captain Clive returned with the utmost expedition to Samiavaram, where he arrived in the morning. In the afternoon, Mr. Law got intelligence of his march, without hearing of his return, which could not naturally be suspected, as Utatoor is 13 miles from Samiavaram: he therefore, as foon as it was dark, detached 80 Europeans, and 700 Sepoys,

Sepoys, to attack the few troops he imagined to be remaining there of their men forty were English deferters I his party arrived near the camp at midnight, when one of their fpies informed the commanding officer that the troops which had marched against Mr D'Auteuil were returned, but he, imputing the information either to cowardice or treachery, give no credit to the fire, and proceeded. they were challenged by the advanced guard of Lughth Sepoys, on which the officer of the deterters, an Irifhman, flent out and told them, that he was fent by major Lawrence to reinforce captain Clive and the rest of the deserters speaking English likewise, confirmed the affertion and perfuaded the Sepoys fo fully, that they omitted the ufual precaution of asking the counter word, which would certainly have discovered the stratugem and fent one of their body to conduct the enemy to the head quarters They continued their march through a part of the Morattoe camp, without giving or receiving any dif-turbance until they came to the leffer pagoda. Here they were challenged by the centurels, and by others who were posted in a neighbouring choultry to the north of it, in which captain Chie lay affeep They returned the challenge by a volley into each place, and immediately entered the pagoda, putting all they met to the fword. Captain Clive flatting out of his fleep, and not conceiving it possible that the enemy could have advanced into the center of his camp. imputed the firing to his own Sepoys, alarmed by fome attack at the outfairts he however ran to the upper pagods, where the greatest part of his Europeans were quartered, who having likewise taken the alarm, were under arms, and he immediately returned with 200 of them to the choultry Here he now discovered a large body of Sepoys drawn up facing the south, and siring at random Their polition, which looked towards the enemy s encumpment, joined to their confusion, confirmed him in his conjecture that they were his own troops, who had taken fome unnecessary alert. In this supposition he drew up his Luropeans within 20 yards of their rear, and then going alone amongst them, ordered the firing to cease, upbraiding some with the panic he supposed them to have taken, and even striking others At length one of the Sepoys, who understood a little of the French language, discovering that he was an Englishman. 752.

Englishman, attacked and wounded him in two places with his fword; but finding himself on the point of being overpowered, ran away to the lower pagoda: captain Clive, exasperated at this insolence from a man whom he imagined to be in his own service, followed him to the gate, where, to his great furprize, he was accosted by fix Frenchmen: his usual presence of mind did not fail him in this critical occasion, but suggesting to him all that had happened, he told the Frenchmen, with great composure, that he was come to offer them terms; and if they would look out, they would perceive the pagoda furrounded by his whole army, who were determined to give no quarter if any relistance were made. The sirmness with which these words were delivered, made such an impression, that three of the Frenchmen ran into the pagoda to carry this intelligence, whilst the other three furrendered their arms to captain Clive, and followed him towards the choultry, whither he hastened, intending to order the Europeans to attack the body of Sepoys, whom he now first knew to be enemies; but these had already discovered the danger of their fituation, and had marched out of the reach of the Europeans, who imagining that they did this in obedience to captain Clive's orders, made no motion to interrupt or attack them. Soon after, eight Frenchmen, who had been fent from the pagoda to reconnoitre, fell in with the English troops, and were made prisoners; and these, with the other three which captain Clive had taken, were delivered to the charge of a ferjeant's party, who not knowing in this time of darkness and confusion, that the enemy were in possession of the lower pagoda, . carried them thither; and on delivering them to the guard, found out their error; but fuch was also the confusion of the French in the pagoda, that they suffered the serjeant and his party to return unmolested. The rest of the English troops had now joined the others, and captain Clive imagining that the enemy would never have attempted fo defperate an enterprize without supporting it with their whole army, deemed it absolutely necessary to storm the pagoda before the troops who were in it could receive any affistance. One of the two folding doors of the gateway had for some time been taken down to be repaired, and the other was strongly stapled down, so that the remaining part of

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the entrance would admit only two men abreaft: the English soldiers made the attack, and continued it for fome time with great refolution; but the deferters within fought defperately, and killed an officer and lifteen men, on which the attack was ordered to cease until daybreak; and in the mean time fuch a disposition was made as might prevent those in the pagoda from escaping, and at the same time oppose any other body which might come to their relief. At daybreak the commanding officer of the French leeing the danger of his fituation, made a fally at the head of his men, who received to heavy a fire, that he himfelf, with twelve others who first came out of the gateway were killed by the volley; on which the rest ran back into the pagoda. Captain Clive then advanced into the porch of the gate. to parly with the enemy, and being weak with the loss of blood, and fatigue, stood with his back to the wall of the porch, and leaned; stooping forward, on the shoulders of two serieants. The officer of the English deserters presented himself with great insolence, and telling Captain Clive with abusive language, that he would shoot him. fired his mufket. .. The ball miffed him, but went through the bodies of both the ferjeants on whom he was leaning, and they both fell mortally wounded. The Frenchmen had hitherto defended the pagoda in compliance with the English deserters, but thinking it neceffary to difavow such an outrage, which might exclude them from any pretentions to quarter, their officer immediately furrendered. By this time the body of the enemy's Sepoys had paffed out of the campwith as little interruption as they had entered it: but orders having been fent to the Morattoes to purfue them, Innis-Khan with all hismen mounted at day-break, and came up with them in the open plain before they gained the bank of the Colcroon. The Sepoys no fooner perceived them than they flung away their arms, and attempted to fave themselves by dispersing; but the Morattoes, who never figure. fo much as in these cruel exploits, exerted themselves with such activity, that, according to their own report, not a fingle man of 700. escaped alive; it is certain that none of them ever appeared to contradict this affertion. Befides the escapes already mentioned, captain-Clive had another, which was not discovered until the hurry of the day was over, when it was found that the volley which the enemy 1.752.

fired into the choultry where he was fleeping had fhattered a box that lay under his feet, and killed a fervant who lay close to him.

Pitchaudah and Utatoor were now the only posts which the enemy held to the north of the Colcroon, but they were in possession of Coiladdy, which commands the eastern extremity of the island; and lest Mr. Law should attempt to force his way on this side, major Lawrence detached Monack-jee the general of the Tanjorines to take it; and to the south of the Caveri, where the enemy had no posts, a line of troops were disposed, which extended five miles on each side of the city of Tritchinopoly.

Monack-jee on the 26th of April took Coilladdy, and the enemy losing here their last magazine of provisions, became every day more and more distressed; but the hopes of being joined by Mr. D'Auteuil kept up their spirits, and prevented them from making any attempts to get out of the island: he still remained at Utatoor watching some opportunity to make his way good to Seringham: it was therefore determined to attack him; but as the late attempt on Samiavaram shewed the nccessity of keeping the army there intire, major Lawrence resolved to send a party from his own division on this service. Accordingly captain Dalton on the 9th of May croffed the rivers in the night with 150 Europeans, 400 Sepoys, 500 Morattoes, and four field pieces, one of them a 12 pounder; and halting some hours at Samfavaram, arrived at five the next evening at a choultry within two miles of Utatoor, where he intended to pass the night, as the troops were much fatigued. There was at some distance in front of the choultry a village, which appearing a proper post for an advanced guard, some dragoons were fent to reconnoitre it, who difcovered that the enemy had already taken possession of it; on which a party of Europeans and Sepoys were fent to dislodge them; which they effected with so much ease, that, flushed with their success, they purfued the enemy beyond the village, until they came in fight of Mr. D'Auteuil marching out of Utatoor, who, instead of waiting to attack with his whole force, sent forward a party to fall upon the English whilft they were forming; a skirmish ensued, and the enemy was repulsed; but the English officer being mortally wounded, the detach-

ment retreated to the village, where they remained, and fustained the fire of the enemy's cannon until the rest of the troops came up. was almost dusk, and captain Dalton concluding that the enemy might be deceived in their opinion of his strength, and mistake it for the whole of captain Clive's force, ventured to divide his men into two bodies, who marched to attack each flank of the enemy's line, whilft a few Europeaus left with the guns near the village eannonaded them in front. Mr. D'Auteuil no sooner perceived this dispolition than it fuggefted to him the opinion it was intended to produce. and he retreated with great precipitation, purfued within a few yards of the walls of Utatoor: the English were on the point of getting possession of one of his guns, when they were obliged to halt and face about, to defend themselves against the enemy's cavalry, who taking advantage of the dulk of the evening, had made a circuit, and appeared unexpectedly in their rear. The Morattoes however galloping in, flung themselves between, and the two bodies of cavalry remained fome time firing carabines and piftols, until one of the · English 6 pounders came up, which after a few shot decided the contest, and obliged the enemy's horse to retreat; the Morattoes then charged them fword in hand, and drove them into the fort; but not without fuffering themselves; for several of them returned much wounded. The English fired at the fort from the rocks which are close to the walls until eight o'clock, when they retreated back to the choultry, leaving an advanced guard of Europeans at the village, and 200 Morattoes, who promifed to patrole all night, and give immediate information if the enemy should make any motion to abandon the fort.

Mr. D'Auteuil continuing in his mistake concerning the force which was come against him, no sooner found that they had returned to the choultry, than he quitted the fort with all his troops, and marched away to Volcondah, leaving behind in the hurry a great quantity of military stores and ammunition, as well as refreshments intended for the officers of Mr. Law's army. The Morattoes performed the duty they had undertaken with so little vigilance, that captain Dalton did not hear of the enemies retreat until two in the

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morning, when it was too late to purfue them: he, however, marched to the fort, and took possession of the stores which the enemy had lest in it.

Mr. Law received no intelligence of captain Dalton's march across the rivers; but the next morning discovering from the spire of Seringham, the detachment proceeding from Samiavaram towards Utatoor, imagined it to be a part of captain Clive's army; and on this supposition crossed the Coleroon with all his Europeans and Sepoys, and a large body of cavalry. Captain Clive immediately marched to meet him with all his troops, excepting the guards necessary to defend the approaches to his camp, and came in fight of the enemy just as their rear had crossed the river. Mr. Law, startled at the appearance of a force which so much exceeded his expectation, halted and formed his line in a strong situation along the bank of the river. Both armies remained in order of battle until evening, each having advantages, which the other respected too much to venture to attack. Some skirmishes passed between the advanced Sepoys, and in the night the French re-crossed the river.

Captain Dalton remained two days at Utatoor, when he received orders to rejoin major Lawrence; but by this time the Coleroon was so much swelled as to be impassable, and the troops at Samiavaram were preparing to avail themselves of this opportunity to attack the enemy's post of Pitchandah, which could receive no succours from the island till the waters subsided: he therefore, to forward this service, put his detachment under captain Clive's command; and to prevent the disputes which might arise from the superiority of his rank, resolved to act himself as a volunteer. On the 14th at night the army moved down to the river-side.

There runs along the northern bank of the Coleroon, from Pitchandah to the ground opposite the great pagoda of Seringham, a large mound of earth 50 feet broad at the top, thrown up by the people of the country to resist the current of the river, which in this part sets strongly from the opposite shore whenever the waters rise. The enemy's camp on the island lay opposite and within cannon-shot of this mound; it was therefore determined to employ the artillery against them, until the battery against Pitchandah could be finished.

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Every common foldier in an Indian army is accompanied either by a wife or a concubine; the officers have feveral, and the generals whole feraglio's: befides these the army is encombered by a number of attendants and servants exceeding that of the sighting men; and to supply the various wants of this enervated multitude, dealers, pellars, and retailers of all sorts, follow the camp; to whom a separate quarter is allotted, in which they daily exhibit their different commodities in greater quantities and with more regularity than in any fair in Europe; all of them sitting on the ground in a line with their merchandises exposed before them, and sheltered from the sun by a trust supported by sticks.

. The next morning, the 13th, at fun-rife, fix pieces of cannon began to fire upon the camp from embrafures cut through the top of the mound, which sheltered them from the guns of Pitchandah. This unexpected annoyance foon created the greatest consusion if the enemy began immediately to firske their tents, and every one to remove every thing that was either valuable or dear to him; clephants, camels, oxen and horses, mingled with men, women and children affrighted and making lamentable, outcress at the destruction which fell around then, preffed to get out of the reach of it in such a hurry as only ferved to retard their flight: however, in two hours not a tent was flanding. The crowd first moved between the pagodas of Seringham and Jumbakistna, towards the bank of the Caveri, and from this side they were fired on by the guns of Tritchinopoly: they then hurried to the eastward of Jumbakistna, where sinding themselves out of the reach of danger, they began to fet up their tents again. The garrifon of Pitchandah attempted to interrupt the cannonade; and finding that their artillery had no effect to difmount the English guns covered by the mound, they made a fally to feize them, but had not proceeded far before they received the fire of a detachment, which captain Clive had taken the precaution to post in the way they were coming; and this inflautly drove them back again, not without fome lofs.

During the rest of the day, the English troops were employed in erecting the battery in a ruined village, about 200 yards to the north of Pitchandah. The pagoda, like most others on the coast, of Coromandel, is a square, of which the gateways projecting beyond the

walls, flank the angles: the French had 70 Europeans, 200 Sepoys, and three pieces of cannon in the place. The attack began the next morning at day-break, from two pieces of battering cannon, which fired from embrasures cut through the wall of a brick house; the shock soon brought down the wall, and left the artillery-men for fome time exposed; but a large body of Schoys being ordered to keep a constant fire on the parapet, the enemy were very cautious in making use either of their small arms or cannon. Some time after one of the English guns burst, and killed three Europeans, and wounded captain Dalton; the breach nevertheless was made practicable by four in the afternoon, when it was determined to fform the breach and escalade the walls at the same time. The enemy seeing the preparations for the affault, were discouraged, and beat the chamade. The Sepoys mistaking this signal of surrender for a defiance, fired a volley, which killed the drummer, and then giving a shout, ran to plant the colours on the breach. This motion was sorapid and unexpected, that they got to the top of it before any of the English officers were able to come up and inform them of their mistake, which they were unluckily confirmed in by the behaviour of fome of the garrison, who drew up as fast as they could to defend themselves. A body of Europeans immediately marched after them, with orders to repress their violences, even by siring upon them, if necessary: but they did not arrive before the Sepoys had killed feveral of the garrison, and struck such a terror that 15 Frenchmen jumped over the walls into the Colcroon, where they were drowned. The rest surrendered to the Europeans, whose presence preserved them from another risque equal to that which they had just escaped; for the Morattoes, feeing the Sepoys in motion, imagined that they would carry off all the plunder of the place; and refolving to have a share of it themselves, they mounted and galloped up sword in hand to the breach: and feveral of them even rode up to the top of it. The enemy's army on the island were spectators of the whole attack, and fired, to very little effect, a great number of random shot at the village in which the English were posted.

By the reduction of Pitchandah, the enemy's communications with the country to the north of the Coleroon were intirely cut off, and their

Indian camp became again exposed to a cannonade. The dread of this, and of the many other diffresses which straitened the army more closely every day, determined the greatest part of Chunda-saheb's officers to quit his fervice; and they went in a body and informed him of this resolution. He heard it with great temper, and instead of reproaching them for deferting him, faid, that if they had not prevented him, he should of himself have proposed what they desired; that although he was not able to discharge the whole of their arrears, they might be affured he would punctually acquit himself of all his obligations whenfoever his better fortune should return; and, as a proof of his fincerity, he offered to deliver up to them the greatest part of his elephants, camels, horfes, and other military effects, which they received at a valuation in part of what he was indebted to them.

The next day these officers sent messengers to the confederates, fome offering to take fervice, others defiring to pass through their posts: but the Indian allies, who had for some time regarded the whole of the enemy's baggage as a booty which could not escape them, hefitated to comply with their request; and the Morattoes particularly, who scarcely rate the life of a man at the value of his turban, were averse to the granting of any terms which might hinder them from exerting their fabres to get the spoil, being persuaded that, if hostilities were carried on to extremity, their activity would acquire much the larger share of it. The English frustrated these cruel intentions, by determining to give their own paffports, if the rest of the allies perfished in refusing; upon which they consented to give theirs likewife.

Accordingly flags were planted on the banks of the Caveri and Coleroon, as a fignal to the enemy's troops that they might pass over in fecurity. Two thousand of Chunda-faheb's best horse, and 1 500 Sepoys, joined captain Chreat Samavaram; others went to the Myforcaus; very few to the Nabob: the troops of Morawar and Madura. and other independent bodies, returned into their own countries. On, the 4th day not a tent was flanding in the illand; and there remained with Chunda-saheb no more than 2000 horse and 3000 foot, who

took shelter in the pagoda of Seringham: amongst the foot were 1000 Rajpoots, who, from a motive of religion, undertook to defend the inward temples against all intruders. The French battalion, with 2000 Sepoys, shut themselves up in Jumbakistna, giving out, as is the custom of that nation, that they intended to defend themselves to the last extremity. They preferred this to the other pagoda, because its outward wall was in a better condition, and its sinaller extent better proportioned to the number of their troops.

The artillery of Tritchinopoly and the allied army furnishing normore than three pieces of battering cannon, a train was ordered from Devi Cotah; and to lose no opportunity of increasing the enemy's distresses before it arrived, major Lawrence on the 18th of May, the same day that the French withdrew into the pagoda, quitted his post at Chuckly-pollam, and encamping opposite to it on the island, immediately threw up an entrenchment from one river to the other: at the same time Monack-jee with the Tanjorines moving from the eastward, took possession of Chuckly-pollam; and the army at Samiavaram quitting that post, encamped along the northern bank of the Coleroon. The Mysoreans remained, as before, to the west of the city.

But although the obstacles which now surrounded the enemy were difficult to be overcome, they were not absolutely insurmountable. The troops in Jumbakistan outnumbered those in the major's camp two to one, and both the rivers swelling often at this season of the year, Mr. Law might force his way through it before any succours could come from the main land: if successful in this attempt, he might, as soon as the rivers began to fall, cross the Caveri at some pass farther to the eastward, before captain Clive's division would be able to pass the Coleroon, as this being the deeper channel, does not become fordable again so soon as the other: he might then by hasty marches make his way good to Karical, harassed indeed in his rout by Mysoreans and Morattoes, who, unsupported by the English troops, would probably make sew vigorous efforts against a compact body of Europeaninfantry provided with a well-appointed train of artillery: but such a plan implied an option of difficulties not to be expected from troops dispirited

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by ill fuccess, and commanded by officers of no great talents; nor. does it appear that the Frénch ever entertained any thoughts of carrying it into execution. They flattered themselves in their irresolute councils, that Mr. D'Auteuil would make his way good into the ifland, notwithstanding this attempt was now become more difficult, than ever; and they hoped, with the fupplies he was bringing, to protract the defence of the pagoda to the end of June, at which time, thips were expected at Pondicherry with a confiderable reinforcement of troops from France; however, for fear of the worst, Mr. Law determined to take fuch measures as he thought would place the person of Chunda-faheb out of danger.

Deferters informing the English how much the enemy's future resolutions depended on the arrival of Mr. D'Auteuil's convoy, it was determined to make another attempt against that reinforcement; but as it was reported that they were in possession of all the fortifications at Vol-condah, it was thought necessary, if possible, to bring the governor over to, the Nabob's interest. A letter was written to him full of promifes: the man changing fides with fortune, answered, that although he had permitted Mr. D'Auteuil to take up his quarters in the pettah, he had not fuffered him to take possession either of the stone fort, or the fortifications of the rock; and that if any troops were fent to attack the French, he would affift to deffroy them. About the same time Mr. D'Auteuil, pressed by the repeated follicitations of Mr. Law, quitted Vol-condah, and to conceal fome other plan gave out that he intended to retake the fort of Utatoor. Such an opportunity of attacking him was more to be relied on than the promifes of the governor, and captain Clive marched against him without delay.

He left a firong garrison in Pitchandah, and in his camp a number of troops fufficient by well contrived dispositions, to prevent Mr. Law from suspecting the absence of the force he took with him. which confifted of 100 Europeans, 1000 Sepoys, and 2000 Morattoe horse, with fix field pieces. They fet out on the 27th of May in : the evening, and arrived before morning at Utatoor, where they shut themselves up in the fort all that day and the ensuing night, in hopes Hb

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752. that Mr. D'Auteuil would inadvertently come near enough to give them an opportunity of falling upon him on the plain before he could regain Vol-condah. He did indeed advance within feven miles of Utatoor; but either from some rumour, or suspicion, his courage failed him on a fudden, and he took the refolution of returning in great hafte to the place from whence he came. Captain Clive was no fooner informed of his retreat than he fet out in pursuit of him, and early in the morning fent the Morattocs before, instructing them to keep their main body out of fight, and to endeavour to harrafs and retard the enemy's murch with fmall parties, fuch as might be mistaken for detachments sent only in quest of plunder, and prevent them from fulpecting any thing more. Some of them came up with the enemy in the afternoon, within a league of Vol-condah, and amused Mr. D'Auteuil so well, that he, hoping to entice them within reach of his fire, wasted some time in making evolutions; but greater numbers coming in fight, he began to suspect the ftratagem, and forming his men in a column with two field pieces in front, retreated. By this time the whole body of Morattoes came up and hovered round him until he reached Vol-condah, where he drew up between the mud wall of the pettah and the river Valarru, which was almost dry. Soon after the Sepovs, who formed the van of the English column, appeared outmarching the Europeans at a great rate; 600 of them had, in the enemy's fervice, stormed the breaches at the affault of Arcot, and having fince that time been employed in the English service in several actions under the command of captain Clive, entertained no fmall opinion of their own prowefs when supported by a body of Europeans. These men no sooner camewithin cannon-shot of the enemy, than they ran precipitately to attack them, without regarding any order. They received the fire of the enemy's cannon, and musketry, which killed many of them, but did not check the rest from rushing on to the push of bayonet. The Morattoes, animated by fuch an example, galloped across the river, and charging the flanks, increased the confusion, which the -Sepoys had made in the center. The attack was too general and impetuous to be long resisted, and the enemy retired hastily through

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the barrier into the pettab, where they began to make reliffance again by firing over the mud wall. By this time the Europeans came up, and affaulting the barrier, foor forced their way and put the enemy to flight a fecond time, who now ran to take flighter in the flone fort, where the governor, according to his promise, that the gate; but fome of them getting over the walls with fealing ladders, in an unguarded part, opened the gate, in fpite of the garrison, and let in their fellow fugitives. This puffed whilft the English troops, cautions of differting in a place they were not acquainted with, were forming to follow them in order, and foon after the field pieces began to fire upon the gate, whilst the muskerry under shelter of the houses deterred the enemy from appearing on the ramparts. Mr. D'Autenil therefore, as the last resource, attempted to get into the fortifications of the adjacent rock; but the governor, who was there in person, fent him word, that if he perfifted in uting any violence he would fire into the fort. In this perplexity, which the night increased, he -confulted his officers, who unanimoutly agreed to furrender. The white flag was hung out, and the terms were foon fettled. It was agreed, that the deferters should be pardoued, that the French commissioned officers should not ferve against the Nabob for 12 months. and the private men remain prisoners of war at his discretion, whole party confifted of 100 Europeans, of which 25 were English deferters, 400 Sepoys, and 340 horfe. Their artillery was only three pieces of cannon, but there was found in the pettal three large magazines, which, befides a variety of other military flores, contained 800 barrels of gun-powder and 3000 mulkets. It was known that Mr D'Auteuil had with him a large fum of money, but he fecreted great part of it amongst his own baggage, which he was permitted to carry away without examination: the troops on both fides embezzled part of the remainder; fo that only 50,000 rupees were regularly taken possession of for the use of the captors; whose booty. exclusive of the military flores, which were referved for the Company, amounted to 10,000 pounds flerling: the horfemen and Sepors were. as usual, difarmed and fet at liberty, and captain Clive returned to his camp with the rest of the prisoners.

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facred of all to an Indian foldier, on his fabre and poniard, withing they might be turned to his own destruction if he failed in his engagements, which were to fend away Chunda-saheb as soon as he came into his quarters, with an escort of horse, to the French settlement of Karical. At the same time a Tanjorine officer assured Mr. Law that he was appointed to command the escort, and shewed the pallankin and other preparations which were intended for the journey. Mr. Law and the officer then repaired to a choultry, were Chunda-saheb himself, with a sew attendants, waited the result of the conference. As soon as he had heard it related, he proceeded with the Tanjorine to Monack-jee's quarters, where, instead of the escort he expected, he was met by a guard patroling for him, who carried him with violence into a tent, where they immediately put him into irons.

The news was instantly communicated to the Nabob, the Mysorean and Morattoe, and kept them up all night debating on the fate of the prisoner. The next morning they repaired together with Monack-jee to major Lawrence's tent, in whose presence they held a council. Each of them infifted that Chunda-faheb ought to be delivered to himself, supporting the demand with the superior importance each thought he bore in the general caute; but Monackjee firmly refused to give his prize out of his own hands. The major had hitherto remained filent, but finding that the diffention was irreconcileable, proposed that the English should have the care of him, and keep him in one of their fettlements. They were all of them averse to this scheme, and broke up the conference without coming to any resolution: the three competitors in high indignation against one another, and against Monack-jee, who had moreover the mortification of feeing that the treachery he had committed was fo far from being acknowledged as a fervice rendered to the general cause, that the My--forean, the Morattoe, and perhaps the Nabob himfelf, wished in the ·bottom of their hearts that Chunda-saheb had not been taken, since they had not the disposal of him in their own power.

Immediately after the conference, major Lawrence fent another furmons to Mr. Law, more peremptory than the former: for a decifive answer was demanded before noon the next day; after which

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his fligs of truce would be fired upon; and if the batteries once began to play, it was declared that every man in the pagoda should

be put to the fivord.

He had already been informed of the fate of his ally, and had heard a rumour of the defeat at Vol-condth, but this he did not intirely give credit to; when convinced of it by the report of one of his own officers who had feen Mr, D'Auteuil in the English camp, he defired a personal conference with major Lawrence, which, after several messages, was agreed to be held the next day

He began, by afferting that the peace which existed between the two crowns, entitled him to expect from the English every mark of consideration for the French troops, since they were now left unconnected with any powers contending in the Carnatic, by the dispersion of Chunda-saheb's army, and the imprisonment of its leader; he therefore expected that the English would, instead of acting as enemies, contribute as allies to facilitate the retreat of his aimy into the French fettlements. Major Lawrence replied, that he acted in the conference only as the interpreter of the Nabob's intentions, with whom the English were in close alliance, and as a justification of the Nabob's conduct, produced a letter in which Mr. Duplers had declared that he would never ease to pursue him whilst a single Frenchman remained in India.

After feveral other altercations, which produced little change in the terms first proposed, the capitulation was figned. It was agreed that the pagoda of Jumbakistan should be delivered up, with all the guns, stores, and ammunition; that the officers should give their paidle not to serve against the Nabob or lus allies, that the private men of the battalion, Europeans, Costrees at d Topasses, should remain priloners; and that the deficiers should be paidoned.

The troops with captain Clive vere then ordered to rejoin the major's division, and the next morning, before break of day, captain Dalton marched with 250 chosen men, who halted, beating their drums at an abandoned out-post within prifol-shot of the walls of Jumbakusha, whilst the major remained not far off with the rest of the troops, drawn up ready to prevent the effect of any treacher;

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but none was intended: for Mr. Law foon came out with fome of his officers, and conducted the detachment into the pagoda, where they formed with their backs to the gate, opposite to the French troops, who immediately flung down their arms in a heap, and fur-, rendered prisoners. The whole consisted of 35 commission officers, 725 battalion men bearing arms, besides 60 siek and wounded in the hospital, and 2000 Sepoys: their artillery were four 13 inch mortars, 8 cohorns, 2 petards, 31 pieces of cannon, of which 11 were for battering, mostly 18 pounders, and the rest field pieces: they had likewife a great quantity of ammunition, stores and carriages of all forts in very good condition. The pagoda of Seringham was foon after delivered up, and the horse and soot who had taken refuge in it suffered to pass away without molestation; but the 1000 Rajpoots refused to quit the temple, and threatened their victors to cut them to pieces if they offered to enter within the third wall: the English, in admiration or their enthuliatin, promited to give them no occasion of offence.

Thus was this formidable army, whose numbers two months before were nearly equal to the confederates, reduced, without a battle, more effectually than it probably could have been by what is generally esteemed a total deseat in the sield. The soldier who regards his profession as a science, will discover examples worthy of his meditation, both in the absurdity of the enemy's choice of their situation, and in the advantages which were taken of it. It is indeed difficult to determine whether the English conducted themselves with more ability and spirit, or the French with more irresolution and ignorance, after major Lawrence and captain Clive arrived at Tritchinopoly.

Still the fate of Chunda-saheb remained to be decided before the success of this day could be deemed complete. The anxiety which Monack-jee carried away from the conference in major Lawrence's tent was encreased every hour by the messages and proposals he received. The Mysorean promised money, the Nabob threatened resentment, and Morari-row; more plainly, that he would pay him a visit at the head of 6000 horse. Terrised at the commotions which would inevitably sollow, if he gave the preference to any one of the competitors, he saw no method of sinishing the contest but by putting an end to the life of his prisoner;

prisoner; however, as the major had expressed a desire that the English might have him in their possession, he thought it necessary to know whether they seriously expected this desernee, and accordingly, on the same morning that the pagoda surrendered, went to the major; with whom he had a conference, which convinced him that the English were his friends, and that they were resolved not to interfere any farther in the dispute. He therefore immediately on his return to Chuckly-pollam put his design into execution, by ordering the head of Chunda-saheb to be struck off.

The executioner of this deed was a Pitan, one of Monack-jee's retiuue, referved for fuch purpofes. He found the unfortunate victim, an aged man, firetched on the ground, from whence the infirmities of ficknefs rendered him unable to rear himfelf. The affect and abrupt intrufion of the affaffin inflantly fuggested to Chunda-faheb the errand on which he was fent. He was ed his hand, and defired to fpeak to Monack-jee before he died, faying, that he had fomething of great importance to communicate to him: but the man of blood giving no heed to his words, proceeded to his work, and after stabbing him to the heart, fevered his head from his body.

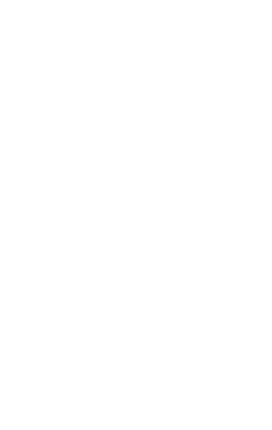
The head was immediately tent into Tritchinopoly to the Nabob, who now for the first time saw the sace of his rival. After he had gratified his courtiers with a fight of it, they tied it to the neck of a camel, and in this manner it was earried five times round the walls of the city, attended by a hundred thousand speciators, infulting it with all the obseene and indecent invoctives peculiar to the manners of Indostan. It was afterwards carefully packed up in a box, and delivered to an effort, who gave out that they were to carry it to be viewed by the Great Mogul at Delhi; a practice generally observed to heighten the reputation of the successful cause: but there is no reason to believe that it was ever-carried out of the Carnatic.

Such was the unfortunate and ignominious end of this man. The many examples of a fimilar fate, which are perpetually produced by the contests of ambition in this unfettled empire, have established a proverb, that fortune is a throne; and therefore he who salls in such contests is only reckoned unfortunate, without having the odium of

rebellion or treachery charged on his memory, unless he opposes the fovereign of sovereigns, the Great Mogul; all the rest is reckoned the common course of politics: for there is scarcely throughout the empire a Nabob, who has not an open or latent competitor. It therefore only remains to speak of the private character of Chunda-saheb, in which he is generally acknowledged to have been a brave, benevolent, humane and generous man, as princes go in Indostan. His military abilities were much greater than are commonly found in the generals of India, insomuch that if he had an absolute command over the French troops, it is believed he would not have committed the mistakes which brought on his catastrophe, and the total reduction of his army.

But fignal as these successes were, they were so far from being the means of restoring tranquillity to the Carnatic, that in the very principles which produced them were intermixed the seeds of another more dangerous and obstinate war: and this the Nabob had the anguish to know, whilst he was giving the demonstrations of joy expected from him on successes which appeared so decisive.

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OUR hundred of the French presence were sent under an escort to Fort St. David; and the rest, together with the artillery and flores taken at Jumb ukufina, were carried into Tritchinopoly after these and some other necessary dispositions were made, major Lawrence represented to the Nabob the necessity of his marching without delay at the head of the confederate army into the Carnatic, where it was not to be doubted that the reputation of their late successes would contribute greatly to reduce such fortreffes as were in the interest of Chunda-faheb, and facilitate the esta--blishment of his government over the province, from which he had Intherto received neither revenues nor affiftance. The Nabob acquiefeed in this advice, but continued for feveral days to flety an unaccountable backwardness, as often as he was pressed to put it into execution. The inconfistency of this conduct perplexed all but the very few who were acquainted with the cause; and the English had no conception of the difficulties which with-held him, when, to their very great aftomfament, the Myforem explained the myffery, by refusing to march until the city of Tritchinopoly with all its dependencies was delivered up to him; for such was the price he had stipulated with the Nabob for his assistance.

They had both, for every reason, agreed to keep this important article a profound feeret; but the Myforean had either not been able to conceal it from the fagacity of his fubfidiary the Morattoe, or perhaps had made the agreement by his advice. It is certain that the Morattoe had all along projected to turn it to his own advantage at a proper occasion: excepting these principals, and their immediate fecretaries, not a man in the province had any idea of it. Great therefore was the general furprize and anxiety when it was made public. I 1 2

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The Nabob finding diffimulation no longer of any fervice, confessed the truth when major Lawrence demanded an explanation of it; protesting that his extreme distress alone had extorted a promise from him, which the Myforean himfelf might very well know was totally out of his power to perform. Tritchinopoly, he faid, was the Great Mogul's, and himfelf only a viceroy, appointed to govern it during the pleafure of that great prince: that the refiguing of this important place to the government of an Indian king, would involve both himfelf and the English in continual wars with the whole Mogul empire. In fhort, firmly resolved at all events not to part with the place, he proposed to amuse the regent with a surther promise of delivering it up within two months; in which time he hoped, by collecting the large arrears due from the Arcot province, to repay the expences which the Myforeans had incurred by affifting him. As a palliative for the present, he meant to give up the fort of Madura with its dependencies, which include a very large district. These terms he thought a full and ample recompence for all that the regent had done for him, more especially as the reduction of Chunda-sahebis power had been an effential advantage to the interests of the Myforeans as well as to his own. Major Lawrence, whose power was confined to the operations of the field, waited for instructions from. the prefidency, who received at the fame time applications from both parties, fetting forth, as usual, the subject in a very different manner. They prudently determined not to interfere in the dispute, unless violence should be used against the Nabob; and professing great friendthip to the Myforean, they strenuously recommended to both parties. an amicable adjustment of their differences.

But these differences continued with great warmth; and in the long debate on this subject, Morari-row conducted himself with so much seeming impartiality, that he was chosen, with equal considence on both sides, to be the mediator between them; and the time being fixed for the conference, he came one evening into the city in great state, accompanied by two commissaries deputed by the regent: they proceeded to the Nabob's palace, where captain Dalton, as commander of the English garrison, was present.

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The usual ceremonies being over, the Morattoe with great deliberation and propriety enumerated the many obligations which the Nabob owed to the regent. He painted in lively colours the distressful state of his affurs, when the regent generously undertook his cause, at which tune, although nominal lord of a country extending from the river. Pennar to Cape Comorin, he really possessed nonce of this great dominion than the ground inclosed by thewalls of Tritchinopoly, where he was closely belieged by a much superior and implacible enemy. He appealed to the Nabob for the truth of what he afferted, and then demanded in form the delivery of the eity and territory of Tritchinopoly, in consequence of the folemula greement he had made with the Mysorean, which he produced signed and scaled.

The Nabob, who expected this burrangue, acknowledged the fayours he had received, and faid, that he was rejoived to fulfil his engagements but that being at this time in possession of no other confiderable fortified town, it was impossible to remove his family, which was very large, until he had, by reducing the Arcot province. got a place proper for their reception lie therefore demanded a reflite of two months, at the expiration of which he promifed to fend orders to his brother-in-law to deliver up the city. The Morutoe highly commended this refolution, and after fome other vigue difcourfe, he fignified an inclination to speak to him in private, and defired the commissaries to withdraw. As soon as they and the rest of the audience, excepting captum Dalton, were retired, changing his countenance from the folemnity of a negociator to the finile of a courtier, he told the Nabob, that he believed him endowed with too much fenfe to mind what he had faid before those two stupid fellows. meaning the commissaries you must likewise, faid he, think that I have too much differnment to believe you have any intention of fulfilling the promife you have now made. How could you univer tothe Great Mogul the swing up to confiderable a part of his dominion. to fuch infignificant people it would be the highest abjurdity to think of it These you may be affored are my real featiments, whatever my private interest may induce me to say to the contrary in public. The Nabob was not a little delighted to find him in this disposition.

disposition; for it was his resentment more than the regent's that he dreaded; and immediately made him a prefent of a draught on his treatury for 50,000 rupees, promiting much more if he would reconcile matters, and divert the regent from infilting on the letter of the treaty. This the other affured him he would do, though nothing was farther from his intentions. He was in reality the most improper person that could have been chosen to adjust the difference. views were, first by ingratiating himself with the Nabob, to persuade him to admit a large body of Morattoes into the city as the best means of deceiving the regent into a belief that he really intended to give it up according to his promife; and these military umpires would have been instructed to seize on any opportunity that might offer of seducing or overpowering the rest of the garrison; and if this iniquitous scheme succeeded, he intended to keep possession of the city, which he had formerly governed, for himfelf. If there should be no opening for this plan, he determined to protract the dispute as long as possible by negociations, during which he was sure of being kept in pay by the Mysorean, and did not doubt of having the address to get considerable presents from the Nabob. When this double dealing should be exhausted, he purposed to make the Mysorcan declare war, knowing that he had too great an opinion of the Morattoes to carry it on without continuing them in his service.

The apprehensions of an immediate rupture obliged the English troops, who had proceeded on the 16th of June as far as Utatoor, to return on the 18th to Tritchinopoly; for the Mysorean had even threatened to attack the Nabob, if he offered to march out of the city in order to join his European allies, as he had promised. Their appearance, more than their remonstrances, produced an accommodation for the present. The Nabob made over to the regent the revenues of the island of Scringham, and of several other districts, impowering him to collect them himself; promised again to deliver up Tritchinopoly at the end of two months; and in the mean time agreed to receive 700 men, provided they were not Morattoes, into the city. On these conditions the Mysorean agreed to assist him with all his force to reduce the Arcot province. Neither side gave any credit to the other, but both expected advantages by gaining

time. The Nabob knew that an immediate declaration of war, would effectually frop the progress of his arms in the Carnatic, where he hoped to gain some figual advantage, whilst the regent delayed to commence hostilities against him; and the regent wished for nothing so much as the departure of the Nabob and the English battalion, that he might carry on his schemes to suprize Tritchinopoly, which he knew their presence would render ineffectual. The excuses he made, when pressed to march, sufficiently explained his intentions; and to frustrate them, 200 Europeans with 1500 Sepoys were placed in garrison in the city, under the commend of captain Dalton, who was instructed to take every precantion against a surprize.

The battalion, now reduced to 500 men, together with 2500 Sepoys, began their march on the 28th of June, accompanied by the Nabob at the head of 2000 horfe: thefe, with about the fame number of Peons left in Tritchinopoly, were all the force he commanded, for none of the numerous allies, whom he faw acting in his fervice a few days before, remained with him. The Tanjorines had rendered too great fervices to be refufed the permiffion of returning home; and the troops of the Polygars were not obliged to act out of the diffricts of Tritchinopoly. The Myforeans and Morattoes remained in their encampment to the west of the city, placing a detachment in Seringham Pagoda, of which the Nabob had permitted them to take possession.

The weakness to which the Nabob's force was reduced by this fatal contest, and the apprehension of still worse consequences from it, destroyed the hopes which the English had entertained a few days before, of carrying his arms in triumph against Velore or Gingee. Their late success, instead of inspiring evultation, served only to imbitter the sense of their incapacity to reap any advantage from it. They marched away more with the sullenness of men descated, than with the alacrity of troops stussed with victor; and proceeding without any regular plan for their sturre operations, they followed the high road until they came to Vol-condah!

Here they halted for fome days, whilft the Nabob negociated with the governor, who refused to deliver up his fort, but took the oath of allegiance, and paying 80,000 rupces as a consideration for the arrears that were due from him, gave security for the punctual discharge of the revenues of his district in suture.

From hence the Nabob detached his brother Abdullwahab Khan with 1000 horse to Arcot, appointing him his lieutenant of the countries to the north of the river Paliar; and the rest of the army marching by Verdachelum, proceeded to Trivadi, where they arrived on the 6th of July, and found a garrison of French Sepoys in the pagoda, who surrendered on the sirst summons. The troops then encamped in the neighbourhood, and major Lawrence leaving the command to captain Gingen, went for the recovery of his health into Fort St. David. This place was no longer the seat of the presidency, which, by orders from England, shad been removed, two months before, to its ancient residence at Madrass.

The death of Chunda-faheb, and the capture of Seringham, struck the inhabitants of Pondicherry with the deepest consternation; for excepting those who, received, advantages from their employments in the war, few had ever approved of the ambitious views of their goyernor, and fewer were-perfonally attached to him. The haughtiness and arrogance of his spirit disgusted all who approached him; he exhibited on all occasions the oriental pomp, and marks of distinction, which he affumed as the Great, Mogul's viceroy in the countries fouth of the Kristna; infomuch that he had more than once obliged his own countrymen to fubmit to the humiliation of paying him homage on their knees. This domincering infolence had created him many enemies, who, with a spirit of malice common to yiolent prejudices, were not forry to find their own sense of his romantic schemes justified by the late fignal disasters, which they hoped would deter him from profecuting them any farther. But they did not know the man: difficulties and disappointments, instead of depressing him, only fuggested the necessity of exerting himself with more vigour. indeed his plan of gaining vast acquisitions in the Decan had been laid with fo much fagacity, that the fuccesses of his arms to the north-- -ward already ballanced the difgrace they had suffered at Seringham.

In the month of February of the preceeding year, Salabat-jing the new Soubah, with the French troops under the command of Bully, quitted

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quitted the country of Cudapah where the unfortunate Murzafa-ing had been killed. On the 15th of March they came to Canoul, the capital of the Pitan Nabob by whose hand that prince was flain, and it was determined that the city should atone for the treachery and rebellion of its Lord. The place was originally well fortified; but fince it had been in the polletion of Pitans, their people, as avaricious as they are brave, had fuffered the defences both of the town and its citadel to fall to decay; and the river which runs close to the city, had lately carried away 200 yards of the wall; there were 4000 Pitans in the place, who attempted to defend this entrance, but not accustomed to the fire of field pieces, were easily put to flight. they retired into the castle, several parts of which were likewise in ruins; and the French troops, animated by their fuecels, and led by Mr. Kirican, a nephew of Mr. Dupleix, flormed it, with great vivacity, where the breaches were most practicable; by which time the army of Salabat-jing came up, and affifted with good will in putting all the garrifon to the fword; many of the inhabitants were likewife maffacred. The wife of the late Nabob and her two fons were made prifouers.

The French doubtless intended, by the unmerciful flaughter which they made at the taking of this city, to spread early the terror of their arms, through the countries in which they were going to effablith themselves, where no European force had ever before appeared: and in order to raife an opinion of their good faith and justice, equal to the reputation of their prowefs, Mr Buffs, immediately after Canoul was taken, obliged Salahat-jung to fettle the fortune of Sadoudin Khan, the infinit fon of Murzafa-jung, their late ally and Soubah He received the investiture of the government of Adom, which had been the patrimony of his father, and as a just reparation for the treachery that caused his death, the territory of the Nabob of Cudanah. who planned the confpiracy, and of Canoul, by whose arm he fell, were added to the fovereignty of the young prince, which by the French accounts produced all together an annual revenue of near a million of pounds flerhag. An example of generofity, which, if true, could not fail to raife admiration in a country, where the merits of the father are so seldom of advantage to the distresses of the son. The

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The army then croffed the Kristna, between which and Golcondah were posted 25000 Morattoes, employed by Gazy-o-din Khan, the eldest brother of Salabat-jing, and generalissimo of the empire, to oppose their passage towards the city. They were commanded by Balagerow, the principal general of the Sahah Rajah, or king of all the Morattoe nations. A negotiation ensued, and the Morattoes, having hitherto received nothing from Gazy-o-din Khan, who was at Delhi, were easily persuaded, with some ready money, not only to retire, but also to make an alliance with the prince they were sent to oppose.

Nothing more remained to obstruct the passage of the army, which entered Gol-condah in the procession of an eastern triumph on the 2d of April. Salabat-jing was acknowledged Soubah without opposition, and went through the ceremony of sitting on the Musual or throne in public, and of receiving homage not only from his own immediate officers, but also from most of the governors of the neighbouring countries.

The fervices which the French battalion had rendered were now amply rewarded. A present supposed to be 100,000 pounds sterling was given to the commander in chief, the other officers likewise received gratuities, and that of an ensign, amounted to 50,000 rupees. The monthly pay of a captain, besides the carriage of his baggage surnished at Salabat-jing's expence, was settled at 1000 rupees, of a lieutenant at 500, of an ensign at 300, of a serjeant at 90, and of a common soldier at 60 rupees. The policy of Mr. Dupleix, in taking possession of Masulipatnam, was now manifested by the facility with which the army at Gol-condah was supplied with recruits of men, flores, and ammunition from that port.

In the mean time, Gazy-o-din Khan had obtained from the ministry at Delhi a commission for the Soubahship of the Decan, and the rumour of an army marching by his orders towards Brampore, deternined Salabat-jing to proceed immediately to Aurengabad. He left Gol-condah in the beginning of May, and during the rout, intelligence was received that several principal men in the city had declared against him, and Shanavaze-Khan, who had been the prime minister of Nazir-jing, and had ever fince his reconciliation with the French

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the Mogul's dominions: its inhabitants, when the Soubah is there, are computed at a million and a half of fouls. The French had a convenient quarter affigned them, to which Mr. Butly strictly obliged the troops to comine themselves, lest the disparity of manners should create broils and tumults which might end stadly.

* In the month of August, Salabat-jing exhibited another ceremony to amuse the people, receiving a delegate from Delhi, who brought, as was pretended, the Serpaw or veft, with the fivoid, and other fymbols of foverer mty, which the Great Mogul fends to his viceroys, on appointment. But by this time, Balagerow appeared again at the head of 40,000 men, rayaging the neighbouring coun-Battles and negociations faceceded one another alternately during the rest of the year, and until the end of May in the next, without producing either a decifive victory, or a definitive treaty. The Morattoes would in more than one action have been fuccessful had not the French battalion, and their field pieces, repulfed their onfets. These services gave Mr. Buffy supreme influence in the councils of his ally, which, on hearing of the decline of Chunda-faheb's affairs at Tritchinopoly, he employed to obtain a commission, appointing Mr. Dupleix Nabob of the Carnatic, notwithflanding that Chunda-faheb was still alive; this, with several other pompous patents, was fent to Pondicherry, and Salabat-jing promifed they should foon be followed by an ambaffador from the Great Mogul.

Mr. Dupleix published these mandates and marks of favour to awe the Carnatic, astonished and rendered wavering by the catastrophe of Chunda-saheb: nor were these his only resources. He had been early apprized of the discontent of the Mysoreans at Tritchinopoly, and was already deeply engaged in somenting their desection. The annual ships from France arriving at the time Mr. Law surrendered, brought a large reinforcement to Pondicherry, which he increased, by taking the sailors, and sending Lascars on board to navigate the ships to China. Thus armed, and relying on no vain expectations, the disasters at Seringham were so far from inducing him to make any proposals of accommodation either to the English or the Nabob, that he immediately discovered his intentions of continuing the war, by

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proclaiming Raja-faheb, the fon of Chunda-faheb, Nabob of the province, in virtue of the pretended authority invested in himself, and by ordering a body of 500 men to take the field.

Maliomed-ally felt more feverely every day the bad confequences of his promife to the Myforcan, for none but the most infignificant. chiefs in the province offered voluntarily to acknowledge him; the rest waited to be attacked before they made their submission; and he being little skilled in military matters, but deeply sensible of the decline of his fortune, conceived a notion, that the English troops were capable of reducing the fortress of Gingee; in this persuasion he requested of the presidency in the most pressing terms to render him this fervice, and they with too much complatfance determined to give him the fatisfaction of feeing the experiment tried, notwithstanding that major Lawrence went to Madrafs on purpose to represent the improbability of fucceeding in the attempt.

Accordingly on the 23d of July, major Kincer, an officer lately arrived from Europe, marched with 200 Europeans, 1500 Sepoys, and 600 of the Nabob's eavalry, and the next day fummoned Villaparum. a fort twelve miles to the north of Trivadi: it furrendered without making any relistance. Proceeding on their march, they found difficulties increase; for the country 10 miles round Gingee is inclosed by a circular chain of mountains, and the roads leading through them are strong passes, of which it is necessary that, an army attacking the place should be in possession, in order to keep the communication open. Major Kineer's force being much too finall to afford proper detachments for this fervice, he marched on with the whole to Gingee, where he arrived the 26th. The garrifon was fummoned to furrender, and the officer answered with civility, that he kept the place for the king of France, and was determined to defend it. The troops were in no condition to attack it; for by fome unaccountable prefumption, they had neglected to wait for two pieces of battering cannon, which were coming from Fort St. David. Mr. Dupleix no. fooner heard that the English had passed the mountains, than he detached 300 Europeans and 500 Sepoys, with feven field pieces, whotook possession of Vicravandi, a town situated in the high road, and

not far distant from the pass through which the English had marched; upon which major Kineer, who upon a view of Gingee despaired of reducing it even with battering cannon, immediately repassed the mountains, and being reinforced by the rest of the Nabob's cavalry, and some other troops from Trivadi, marched on the 26th of July, with 300 Europeans, 500 Sepoys, a company of Cassrees, and 2000 horse, to give the enemy battle.

They were posted in a strong situation. The greatest part of the town was encircled by a rivulet, which serving as a ditch, was defended by a parapet, formed of the ruins of old houses, and interrupted at proper intervals to give play to the cannon. The outward bank was in many parts as high as the parapet, and that part of the village which the rivulet did not bound might be easily entered; but the English, neglecting to reconnoitre before they began the attack; lost the advantages which they might have taken of these circumstances.

They marched directly to the enemy, who, in order to bring on the engagement in that part where they were strongest, appeared at first drawn up on the outward bank of the rivulet, but as soon as the field pieces began to fire, recroffed it with precipitation, and the appearance of fear. The English, elated with the imagination of their panic, advanced to the bank, and leaving their field pieces behind, began the attack with the fire of their musketry only. The enemy answering it, both from musketry and field pieces, and under shelter, fuffered little lofs, and did much execution. The company of English Caffres were first flung into disorder by carrying off their wounded as they dropped, and foon after took flight; they were followed by the Sepoys; and major Kineer in this inftant receiving a wound which difabled him, the Europeans began to waver likewife. The enemy perceiving the confusion, detached 100 of their best men, amongst which were 50 volunteers, who, croffing the rivulet brifkly, advanced to the bank. The vivacity of this unexpected motion increased the panic, and only 14 grenadiers, with two enfigns, flood by the colours: these indeed defended them bravely, until they were rejoined by some of the fugitives, with whom they retreated in order; and the French, fatisfied with their fuccess, returned to the village, having, with very

little loss to themselves, killed and wounded 40 of the English battalion, which fuffered in this action more difgrace than in any other that had happened during the war: Major Kineer was fo affected by it, that although he recovered of his wound, his vexation brought on an illness, of which he some time after died.

The troops retreated to Trivadi, and the enemy, quitting Vicravands, retook the fort of Villaparum, which they demolished. Mr. Dupleix, animated by these successes, slight as they were, reinforced them with all the men he could fend into the field; the whole, confifting of 450 Europeans, 1500 Sepoys, and 500 Moorish horse, marched and encamped to the north of Fort St. David, close to the bounds; upon which the Eughfn and the Nabob's troops quitted Trivadi, and encamped at Chimundelum, a redoubt in the bound hedge, three miles to the west of St. David; here they remained for fome days juactive, waiting for more troops from Madrais, where the ships from England had brought a reinforcement, consisting principally of two companies of Swifs, each of 100 men, commanded by officers of that nation.

To avoid the rifque and delay of a march by land, one of thefe companies was immediately embarked in Maffoolas, the common and flightest boats of the country, and ordered to proceed to Fort St. David by fea; for it was not imagined that the French would venture to violate the English colours on this element; but the boats no fooner came in fight of Pondicherry than a ship in the road weighed anchor, and feizing every one of the boats, carried the troops into the town to where Mr. Duplers kept them prisoners, and infifted that the capture was as justifiable as that which had been made of his own troops. at Seringham.

As foon as the news of this lofs reached Madrafs, Major Lawrence embarked with the other company of Swifs, on board of one of the company's fluns, and arrived the 16th of-August at Fort St. David. The next day he took the command of the army, which confifted of 400 Europeans, 1700 Sepoys, and 4000 of the Nahob's troops, cavalry, and Peons, with eight field pieces. The enemy hearing of his arrivaldecamped in the night, and retreated to Bahoor, and finding them752.

felves followed, the next day went nearer to Pondicherry, and encamped between the bound hedge and Villanore, from whence the commanding officer fent a letter protesting against the English, for not respecting the territory of the French company. Major Lawrence being instructed by the presidency not to enter their antient limits, the bound hedge, unless they should set the example, contented himself with attacking their advanced post at Villanore, which they immediately abandoned, and their whole army retreated under the walls of the town.

They shewed so little inclination to quit this situation, that major Lawrence, imagining nothing would intice them out of it but a persuasion that the English were become as unwilling as themselves to venture a general engagement, retreated precipitately to Bahoor. The stratagem took effect, not with the commanding officer Mr. Kirjean; but with his uncle Mr. Dupleix, who ordered him to follow the English, and take advantage of their supposed fears. The remonstrances of his nephew only produced a more peremptory order, in obedience to which Mr. Kirjean marched, and encamped within two miles of Bahoor, where major Lawrence immediately made the necessary dispositions for attacking him.

The troops began to march at three the next morning: the Sepoys formed the first line, the battalion the second, and the artillery were divided on the stanks; the Nabob's cavalry were stationed to the right on the other side of a high bank, which ran from the English to the enemy's camp: the attack began a little before the dawn of day. The Sepoys were challenged by the advanced posts, and not answering, received their fire, which they returned, and still marching on came to an engagement with the enemy's Sepoys, which lasted till day-light, when the French battalion were discovered drawn up; their right desended by the bank, and their lest by a large pond. The English battalion halted to form their front equal to that of the enemy, who, during this operation, kept up a brisk fire from eight pieces of cannon, and continued it until the small arms began. The action now became warm, the English firing as they advanced, and the French standing their ground until the bayonets met.

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This crifis of modern war is generally decided in an inflant, and very few examples of it occur. The company of English grenadiers, with two platoons, broke the enemy's center, on which their whole line immediately gave way, and no quarter being expected in fuch a conflict, they threw down their arms as incumbrances to their flight. This was the moment for the Nabob's cavalry to charge, as they had been instructed; but instead of setting out in pursuit of the fugitives, they galloped into the camp, and employed themselves in plunder: however the Sepoys picked up many of them. Mr. Kirican, with 12 officers and 100 private men, were made prifoners. and a greater number were killed; all the enemy's artillery, ammunition, and stores were taken. Of the English battalion, 4 officers and 78 private men were killed and wounded.

This victory broke the enemy's force to effectually, that Mr. Dupleix was obliged to wait the arrival of farther reinforcements before he attempted any thing more in the field; nor was this the only advantage obtained by it, for it checked the refolution which the My forean had just taken of declaring openly for the French.

The English battalion no fooner quitted Tritchinopoly, than the regent fet about accomplishing his scheme of surprizing the city, and by difburfing large fums of money, endeavoured to gain 500 of the Nabob's best Peons, armed with firelocks. The Jemautdars, or captains of these troops, received his bribes, and promised to join the 700 My foreaus in the garrifon whenever they fhould rife. Captain Dalton receiving fome hints of the confpiracy, kept ward in the city with as much vigilance as if he had been in an enemy's country, and caused the artillery on the ramparts to be pointed every evening inwards on the quarters of the Myloreans, and of the fuspected Peons.

These precautions naturally alarmed those who had been treating with the regent; but still none of them made any discovery; whereupon, at a general review of arms ordered for this purpose, he directed their flints to be taken out of their fuelocks, under pretence of supplying them with some of a better fort. This convincing them that their practices were discovered, the Jemautdars came and confessed all that had passed, imploring forgiveness: each brought the fum he had received, and that of the principal man was 16,000

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rupees. They protested that they had no view in taking the money, but to keep their troops from starving, who had scarcely received any pay from the Nabob for nine months; and as a proof that they had no intention of affifting the Myforean in his defigns, they faid, that not one of them had removed his wife and family out of the city. Captain Dalton made them few reproaches, but ordered them to march with their troops the next morning to join the Nabob's army at Trivadi. The regent finding this scheme frustrated, hired two fellows to shoot captain Dalton as he walked on the ramparts, who luckily receiving intelligence of their defign a few hours before they intended to put it in execution, fent a detachment, which took them prisoners in the house where they had concealed themselves with their arms. One was sullen, and said little, but the other confessed the whole, and declared, that three more were engaged in the plot, who had undertaken to watch the gate of the palace, and shoot Kiroodin Khan, the Nabob's brother-in-law, when he should come out on the tumult which the death of the English commander would naturally occasion; but these, on seeing the foldiers march to the house, had made their escape. The regent, when reproached for this treachery, denied that he had any knowledge of it. He employed, however, Morari-row to folicit the pardon of the affaffins; and the friendship of the Morattoe being at this time thought very valuable, Kiroodin Khan granted his request, but did not reprieve the men before they had gone through the ceremony of being fastened to the muzzles of two field pieces in fight of the whole garrison drawn up under arms. Five days after two other Myforeans came to another Jemautdar, who commanded 180 Sepoys at one of the gates of the city, and attempted to feduce him; but this officer, an old and faithful fervant of the company, fecured the fellows, and carried them to captain Dalton. The articles figned by the regent were found on 'them, which leaving no room for equivocation; they confessed the act, and were the next morning blown from the muzzles of two field pieces. This execution ftruck fuch a terror, that the regent could not get any more of his own-people to undertake fuch commissions; and having remained quiet for some days, he at length pitched upon one Clement Poverio, a Neapolitan,

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who commanded a company of Topasses in the Nabob's service, and had often the guard over the French prisoners in the city. This man, trading a good deal, went frequently into the camp of the Myforeans, which gave the regent an opportunity of making application to him in person. He assured Poverio that he had, besides the Myforeans in garrison, a strong party in the city, and offered great rewards if he would join them on the first commotion. The Neapolitan gave him cause to believe he was to be wrought upon, but faid he must first found the disposition of his officers; and on his return he made a faithful report to captain Dalton of what had passed. He was ordered to return to the camp the next morning with inftructions how to proceed, and conducted himfelf fo dexteroufly, that a few conferences intirely gained him the confidence of the regent. Having fettled the plan of operations, he brought to captain Dalton the agreement figned by the regent and himfelf, fealed with the great feal of Myfore: it was specified, that captain Poverio should receive 20,000 rupees for himfelf, and 3,000 more to buy firelocks, in order to arm the French prisoners, who were to be let out the first time his company took the guard over them; he was at the fame time to seize on the western gate of the city, near which the Mysoreans were encamped, and to hoift a red flag, on which figual the whole army were to move, and enter the town.

On the day fixed for the execution of this enterprize, all the cannon that could be brought to bear on the Myfore camp were well manned, and above 700 mufketeers, Europeans and Sepoys, were concealed in the traveries and works near the western gateway, with a great number of hand grenades; the rest of the garrison was under arms, and the Myforeans would certainly have suffered severely; but the sears of the Nabob's brother-in-law put a stop to the enterprize. He was apprehensive that the attempt might succeed, and to avoid the risque, sent a messenger to upbraid the regent, and to acquaint him that the garrison were prepared to receive him.

The regent thinking himself no longer fase under the cannon of the city, decamped, and fixed his head quarters three miles to the westward, at the Pagodas of Wariore, which were garrisoned by

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English Sepoys; but finding that captain Dalton had reinforced this post, he moved again, and encamped near Scringham.

The mutual diffrust increased daily, although the outward appearance of friendship subsisted; for the regent sent every day one of his principal officers to enquire after captain Dalton's health, in order to have an opportunity of discovering what he was doing. When the two months stipulated for the delivery of the city were expired, he sent four of his principal officers in form to demand the surrender of it; but Kiroodin Khan, a man haughty and insolent, when no danger was near, slew out into a passion, and reproaching the commissaries with the treacherous and clandestine practices of their prince, produced the agreement with captain Poverio, signed and sealed, and then told them plainly, that they had no city to expect, but should be paid the money which the regent had disbursed, as soon as the Nabob's sinances were in a better condition.

The regent pretended to be much offended with this answer; however, after some consideration, he sent his minister to lay the accounts before the Nabob, declaring that he was willing to relinquish his claim to Tritchinopoly, provided the money was immediately paid. This appearance of moderation was only intended to lessen the Nabob's character with the publick, and to justify the measures he was determined to take himself; for he was too well acquainted with his circumstances, to imagine him able to pay so large a sum, which, by the accounts he produced, amounted to 8,500,000 rupees.

There now remained little hopes of reconciling the difference, which Mr. Dupleix had from the beginning diligently inflamed: knowing that it was the interest of the Morattoes to protract a war, he addressed himself particularly to Morari-row, who continually received presents and letters from him, as also from his wife. In these letters the English were represented as a plodding mercantile people, unacquainted with the art of war, and not sit to appear in the sield, opposed to a nation of so-martial a genius as the French; and the success at Seringham was totally ascribed to the valour and activity of the Morattoe cavalry.

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Morari-row having fettled his plan, eafily perfuaded the regent to acquiesce in it, and embassadors were fent to Pondicherry, where a treaty was foon concluded, and war refolved; Mr. Dupleix promifing to take Tritchinopoly, and give it to the Myforeans. In confequence of this alliance, hunis Khan, with 3000 Morattoes, was detached from Seringham in the middle of August, with instructions to join the French, but first to go to the Nabob's camp, and endeavour to get some money from him; for this object never failed to be inter-"woven in all Morari-row's fchemes. The detachment taking time to plunder the province as they marched along, were at some distance from the coast when they received news of the battle at Baheor: startled at this fuccess, Innis Khan halted, waiting for farther instructions from Tritchinopoly; in confequence of which he joined the Nabob, with great protestations of friendship and feeming joy at the late event, pretending to lament that he had not come up in time tohave a fhare in it; and in order to accomplish his intention of getting money, he did not hefitate to take the oath of fidelity to the Nabob.

Major Lawrence, notwithstanding his late success at Bahoor, did not think it prudent to engage in any farther operations, whilst he remained in uncertainty of the resolution which these Morattoes might take; but a foon as they joined him, he moved from Fort St. David to Trivadi, and prepared to employ the remainder of the season, before the rains began, in reducing the country between Pondicherry and the river Palari. At the same time the Nabob requested the presidency to send a force to attack Chinglapet and Cobelong, two-strong holds, situated to the north of that river, which kept in subjection's considerable tract of country, and from whence detachments frequently plundered the tentiory belonging to the Nabob and the company.

"Madrafs was able to farmith no more than 200 European recruits, just arrived from England, and, as usual, the refuse of the vileft employments in London, together with 500 Sepore nowly raised, and as unexperienced as the Europeans. Such a force appeared very unequal to the enterprize of laying fiege to flrong forts; and it could hardly be expected that any officer, who had acquired reputation, would will

lingly risque it by taking the command of them; but captain Clive, whose military life had been a continued option of difficulties, voluntarily offered his service on this occasion, notwithstanding that his health was at this time much impaired by the excess of his sormer satigues.

The troops, with four 24 pounders, marched on the 10th of September against Cobelong. This fort, called by the Moors Saudet Bundar, and fituated twenty miles fouth of Madrass, and within musket shot of the sea, was built by An'war-odean Khan, near the ruins of another belonging to the Oftend company. The French got possession of it in the beginning of the year 1750 by a stratagem. A ship anchored in the road, making figuals of diffrefs, and the Moors who repaired on board were told, that most of the crew had died of the ' icurvy, and that the rest would perish likewise, if they were not permitted to come ashore immediately, since they were no longer able to navigate the vessel. The Nabob's officer, in hopes of being well paid, granted their request; on which thirty Frenchmen of lean and yellow physiognomies, counterfeiting various kinds of infirmities, were admitted, and having arms concealed under their cloaths, overpowered the garrison in the night. The fort had no ditch, but a strong wall flanked by round towers, on which were mounted thirty pieces of cannon, and it was garrifoned by 50 Europeans and 300 Sepoys.

The English troops arrived in the evening at an eminence about two miles to the westward, from whence half of them marched in the night under the command of lieutenant Cooper, to take possession of a garden, situated about 600 yards to the south of the fort. At break of day the garrison detached 30 Europeans and 100 Sepoys, who advancing to the garden unobserved, began to fire through several large crevices in the gate, which was in a ruinous condition, and a shot killed lieutenant Cooper. The troops were so terrified by this alarm, and by the death of their officer, that they sled precipitately out of the garden, and would probably have run back to Madrass, had they not been met by captain Clive advancing with the rest of his force, who obliged them, not without difficulty, and even violence, to rally, and return with him to the garden, which the enemy abandoned on his approach.

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The next day he fent a fummons to the French officer, who an-. fivered, that the Fort belonged to the king of France, and that if the English committed any hostilities, his nation would deem it a declaration of war : he therefore expected that they should immediately withdraw; but if they perfifted, and attacked the place, he and his garrison were determined to die in the breach. This blustering language proceeded from his reliance on a reinforcement of 700 Sepoys and 40 Europeans, which Mr. Dupleix had detached from Pondicherry to Chinglapet, with orders to the officer commanding there to introduce them at all events into Cobelong. the next day, began to erect a battery between the garden and the Fort, at the distance of 300 yards from the walls, and at the same time placed a strong guard on a rock about 100 yards to the left of the battery, . The enemy brought many of their guns to bear upon the face of the attack, and fired fmartly; whilst it was with the greatest difficulty the English troops could be kept to their posts, both Europeans and Senoys taking flight on every alarm: an unlucky flot, which struck the tock, and with the splinters it made, killed and wounded fourteen men, frightened the whole fo much, that it was fome time before they would venture to expose themselves again, and one of the advanced centries was found feveral hours after concealed in the bottom of a well.

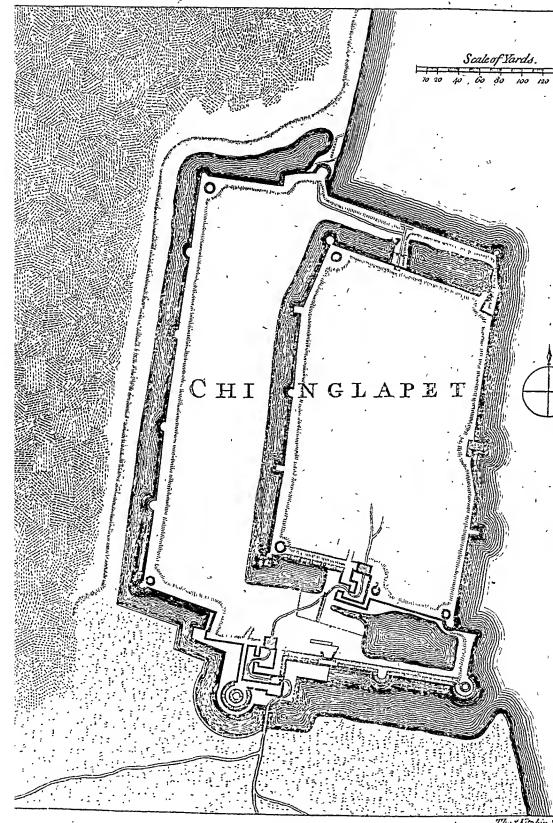
Captain Clive judging that shame would avail more than feverity to reclaim them from their cowardice; exposed himself continually to the hottest of the enemy's fire, and his example brought them in two days to, do their duty with some firmness. On the third, intelligence was received that the party from Chinglapet were advanced within four miles, on which he immediately marched with half his force to give them battle; but they, on hearing of his, approach, retreated with great precipitation. On the fourth at noon, the battery was sinished, and just as the English were preparing to fire, to his great surprize, he received a message from the commanding officer, offering to surrender at discretion, on condition that he might carry away, his own effects: these terms were immediately accepted, land the English before the evening received into the place, where it was found

that all the effects of the commandant confifted of a great number of turkies, and a great quantity of fnuff, commodities in which he dealt. Befides the cannon mounted on the walls, there were found so other pieces of the largest calibres, which proved to be part of the artillery that the company had lost at Madrass, when taken by Mr.) De la Bourdonnais.

The next morning enfign Joseph Smith, walking out at day break, discovered a large body of troops croffing a small river that runs about half a mile to the west of the Fort, and concluding that theywere the reinforcement coming again from Chinglapet, immediately informed captain Clive, who instantly hastened from the fort to join the troops, which enfign Smith had already posted in ambuscade amongst the rocks and underwood, which commanded the high road. Enfign Smith was not deceived in his conjecture; for the commanding officer at Chinglapet having received the day before a letter from the officer at Cobelong, advising him that the place could not hold out 24 hours unless relieved, determined to make an effort more vigorous than the former, and being ignorant of the furrender, intended to furprize the English camp early in the morning. The Nabob's " colours were hoisted in the fort, and these being white, skirted with green, were at a distance mistaken by the enemy for their own flag; which confirmed their notion that the place still held out; and they continued to advance with great fecurity, until the whole party were within the reach of the troops in ambuscade, who then gave their fire from all fides with great vivacity. It fell heavy, and in a few minutes ftruck down 100 men; the rest were so terrified that not more than half retained even presence of mind to provide for their fafety by flight: the commanding officer, 25 Europeans, and 250 Sepoys, with two pieces of cannon, were taken: those who fled, flinging away their arms, hurried to Chinglapet, where they communicated no fmall consternation, of which captain Clive determined to take advantage by marching with the utmost expedition against the place.

It is fituated 30 miles west of Cobelong, 40 south west of Madrass, and within half a mile of the northern bank of the river Paliar. The





French took possession of it in the beginning of the preceding year, when their troops marched out of Pondicherry with Chunda-saheb to reduce the Arcot province. It was, and not without reason, esteemed by the natives a very firong hold. Its outline, exclusive of fome arregular projections at the gateways, is nearly a parallelogram, extending 400 yards from north to fourb, and 320 from east to west. The eastern, and half the northern side is covered by a continued framp of rice fields, and the other half of the north, together with the whole of the well fide, is defended by a large lake. Inaccessible in these parts, it would have been impregnable, if the fouth fide had been equally secure; but here the ground is high, and gives advantages to an enemy. The Indian engineer, whoever he was, that erected the fort, feems to have exceeded the common reach of his countrymen in the knowledge of his art, not only by the choice of the spot, but also by proportioning the strength of the defences to the advantages and disadvantages of the fitration: for the fortifications to the fouth are much the strongest, those opposite to the rice fields fomething weaker, and the part that is skirted by the lake is defended only by a flender wall; a deep ditch 60 feet wide, and faced with stone, a fausse-braye, and a stone wall 18 feet high, with round towers on and between the angles, form the defences to the land : nor are these all; for parallel to the fouth, east, and north fides of these outward works, are others of the same kind repeated within them, and thefe joining to the flender wall which runs to the west along the lake, form a second enclosure or fortification. The garrison confisted of 40 Europeans and 500 Sepoys, and 15 pieces of cannon were mounted in the place.

A battery, confifting of four twenty-fuur pounders, was raifed to the fouth about 500 yards from the wall, which refifting at this diftance longer than was expected, the guns were removed and mounted within 200 yards, and from hence in four days they made a breach through both the outward and inward wall; but still it remained to dram and fill up the ditches, and even after this a much greater number than the befiegers might have been eafily repulsed. But the officer, on feeing the English preparing to make approaches to the outward M m ditch. 752.

ditch, imagined that he had fufficiently afferted the honour of his nation, and hung out the flag to capitulate, offering to give up the fort if the garrifon were permitted to march away with the honours of war. Captain Clive, thinking that the rifque of storming a place so capable of making an obstinate resistance, was not to be put in competition with the ideal honour of reducing the garrifon to severer terms, immediately complied with the enemy's proposals, who on the 31st of October evacuated the fort, and marched away to Pondicherry.

A garrison of Europeans and Sepoys, under the command of an English officer, was placed in Chinglapett; and some time after, at the Nabob's request, the fortifications of Cobelong were blown up. The capture of these two places completed the reduction of all the country that remained unsubdued to the north of the river Paliar, between Sadrass and Arcot.

The health of Captain Clive declining every day after this expedition, induced him not only to quit the field, but also to take the resolution of returning to his native country. He left Madrass in the beginning of the next year, universally acknowledged as the man whose example first roused his countrymen from that lethargy of their natural character, into which they were plunged before the siege of Arcot; and who, by a train of uninterrupted successes, had contributed more than any other officer, at this time, to raise the reputation of their arms in India.

During these sieges, major Lawrence, accompanied by the Nabob, advanced from Trivadi to Vandiwash. This place, situated 20 miles to the north of Gingee, was under the government of Tuckea-saheb, who had, as well as Chunda-saheb, and Mortiz-ally, married one of the sisters of the Nabob, Subder-ally Khan: the widow of this unfortunate prince, together with his posthumous and only surviving son, called Ally Doast Khan, resided with Tuckea-saheb in the fort. It was imagined that a place capable of sending forth such pretenders to disturb the title of Mahomed-ally, would have been attacked with the utmost vigour; but the Nabob was in such distress for money, that he preferred to listen to the offers of Tuckea-saheb to ransom

his town and fort from hostilities. Whilst an officer deputed for this purpose was settling the terms, a cannon shot from the fort was by fome accident fired into the camp. The Sepoys, vexed at the negotiation, which disappointed their expectations of plunder, ferzed on this opportunity to break it oil, and under pretence of refenting the infult, rufhed into the Pettali, and broke open the houses . the poor interred inhabituits were incapable of making reliffance; but it being apprehended that the garrifon might fally from the fort, a party of Europeans were fent to support the Sepoys. Tuckea-saheb, ignorant of the cause of this sudden act of violence, imputed it to treachery, and ordered his garrifon to fire at the troops they faw in the Pettah. This brought on farther holblities; the English bombarding the fort with two mortars, and the garrifon keeping up a conflant fire from their mufketry and cannon until morning; when a parly enfeed, which explaining matters, the troops were recalled out of the Pettah, and the contribution was fettled at 200,000 rupees, which were paid the fame day.

The Morattoes during this expedition were continually roaming for plunder, which they took indifferently, as well in the countries acknowledging the Nabob as in the diffricts of disaffected chiefs; at the fame time that they were doing this mifchief, they expected to be paid, only because they had it in their power to du more by openly joining his enemies.

The army returned from Vandiwash to Trivadi, where they prepared to canton themselves during the ramy moniton, which began on the 31st of October at night, with the most violent hurneaue that had been remembered on the coast; the ram that fell continually for several days after laid the whole country under water, and spread such a sickness amongst the troops, as obliged them, on the 15th of November, to retire to 1 ort St. David; which place assorting quarters only for the English, most of the Nibob's men, unaccustomed to remum in the field in this inelement scason, left him, and went to their homes.

By this time the regent at Seringham, perceiving that the Nabob and the English had made to little advantage of their success at Bahoor, recovered from the conflernation he had been struck with by that event; and he no fooner heard that they had returned into winter quarters, than he fent away Morari-row, with all his Morattoes excepting 500, to Pondicherry; and Innis Khan, with those under his command, quitted the Nabob at Trivadi in the beginning of November, but not without having got fome of the money received at Vandiwash. Mr. Dupleix promised to send some Europeans to Seringham, and the regent hoping to divert the garrison of Tritchinopoly from making any attempt against him before they arrived, pretended that he had no defign to make war with the Nabob, and that Morari-row had left him in confequence of a dispute which had arisen on settling their accounts; but notwithstanding this declaration, his patroles of horse stopped and carried to his camp all the provifions that were coming to the city: the effects of this hostility were foon felt; and the presidency of Madrais, who, in consideration of his pretentions to Tritchinopoly, had hitherto declined to take revenge of his treacherous attempts to get possession of it, now thought it time to treat him as a declared enemy.

In confequence of this resolution, captain Dalton on the 23d of December marched out of the city at ten o'clock at night, with the greatest part of the Europeans and Sepoys, to beat up his camp. which extended under the northern wall of Seringham; but the regent himself with a considerable guard remained within the pagoda. An artillery officer with three pieces of cannon, was previously posted on the fouthern bank of the Caveri, opposite the pagoda, with orders to create what alarm he could by throwing fhot into the place, as foon as he should hear the fire of the musketry in the camp: the troops passed the Caveri at Chuckly-pollam, and then croffing the island marched along the bank of the Coleroon, until they came within a quarter of a mile of the enemy's camp, when they halted in order to refresh themselves, and to form for the attack: but on the review it was found that no less than 500 of the Sepoys were abfent, having, as they afterwards affirmed, inadvertenly miffed the line of march in the dark; however the rest not seeming to be discouraged, it was determined to proceed: they were divided into two bodies, the first marched only four in front, being defigned to penetrate through the camp, firing two to the right, and two to the left; whilft

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whilft the other, drawn up in a more compact manner, were ordered to halt as foon as they came amongst the tents, and there remain as a fupport to the first party; who moving on, found the enemy's advanced guard fast afleep, and stabbing them with their bayonets, entered the camp without opposition, and to the right and left began a brifk fire from front to rear. The alarm was inflantly spread, and produced fuch consternation, that nothing was heard but the shrieks of men wounded, and the outcries of others warning their friends to fly from the danger. The enemy, according to their fenfeless cuflom, raifed a number of blue lights in the air, in order to discover the motions of the column, but these lights served much better to direct the fire against themselves; in the mean time those within the pagoda manned the walls, but refrained from firing for fear of killing their own people in the camp, who in less than an hour were totally dispersed; and if the English had brought with them a petard, they would probably have forced into the pagoda, and have finished the war by securing the person of the regent. Every thing being now quiet, the Sepoys were permitted to take as many horses as they could conveniently lead away; and marching foremost out of the camp, were followed by the Europeans in good order; but by this time, the Myforeans within the pagoda, finding by the extinction of the lights, that none of their own army remained within reach, began to fire fmartly from the walls, and killed and wounded -20 men, of whom feven were Europeans,

The troops reached the city by day break, when they discovered the enemy returning to the island, who immediately struck all their tents, and retired into the pagoda. This sufficiently shewed their panic; but nevertheles it was evident that their continuance in the neighbourhood would prevent the inbabitants from bringing in provisions, of which they began already to see the want; captain Dalton therefore determined to bombard the pagoda, not doubting, that if he could drive the enemy out of it, their sers would deter them from encamping again within a night's march. With this view he sent half his force the following night across the river, and dislodged them from a great choultry that stands by the water side, directly opposite

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opposite to the fouth-gate of Seringham; the building was 100 feet fquare, and 30 high; a great number of Coolies were immediately fet to work, and before morning they inclosed the choultry with a strong entrenchment, and likewise made a parapet with fand bags round the roof, on which two field pieces were mounted. As it was not doubted that the enemy would make an effort to recover a post fo capable of molesting them, captain Dalton determined to support it with the rest of his force; the bed of the Caveri having at this time little or no water, he took post over against the choultry, on the fouthern bank of the river; where a low wall ferved the party as a parapet; who had with them four field pieces, which might eafily flank the choultry, as the river in this part was only 400 yards wide: the enemy remained quiet until noon, when having fufficiently intoxicated themselves with opium, they began to swarm out in great numbers; but the field pieces kept them for some time at a distance, every fhot doing execution. During the cannonade a party of the Nabob's Sepoys croffed the river, and taking possession of a small choultry at a little distance to the right of the other, began to fire from this untenable post; upon which, a body of 300 Morattoe horse galloped up to attack them, but before they arrived the Sepoys took flight; feveral of them were cut to pieces, and the rest re-crossing the river, ran into the city; the Morattoes, encouraged by this fuccefs, now galloped up towards, the entrenchment of the great choultry, where they were fuffered to come so near, that several of them made use of their sabres across the parapet before the troops within gave fire, which then began, and feconded by that of the four pieces of cannon on the other fide of the river, killed and wounded a great number of men and horses, and obliged the enemy to retire in confusion: in this instant an officer unadvisedly took the resolution of quitting his post, and passed the river, in order to give captain Dalton fome information concerning the artillery: fome of the foldiers feeing this, imagined that he went away through fear, and concluding that things were worse than appeared to them, followed his example, and ran out of the entrenchment; which the rest perceiving, a panic feized the whole, and they left the post with the greatest precipitation,

precipitation, notwithstanding they had the minute before given three huzzas, on the retreat of the Morattoes: a body of 3000 Myfore horse, who were drawn up on the bank, immediately galloped into the bed of the river, and charging the fugitives with fury, cut down the whole party excepting 15 men: flushed with this fuccess, they made a push at captain Dalton's division on the other side. All these motions fucceeded one another to rapidly, that he had hardly time to but his men on their guard; more especially as many of them had caught the panic, from having been spectators of the massacre of their comrades : however fome of the bravest hearkening to his exhortations flood firm by the artillery; their behaviour encouraged the Sepoys, who made a ftrong fire from behind the low wall in their front, which, accompanied by the grape-flot of the four field pieces, foon abated the ardour of the enemy, and obliged them to retreat, leaving fome horfes, whose riders fell within 20 yards of the muzzles of the guns; captain Dalton then advanced a little way into the bed of the river, where he remained until he had collected the dead and wounded. Not a man who escaped could give any reason why he quitted his post, all of them acknowledging that at the time when they took flight only one man in the entrenehment was wounded, and that they had nine barrels of ammunition.

This difafter diminished the frength of the garrison near one half, not by the number, but the quality of the troops that were lost; for the killed and disabled were 70 Europeans, and 300 of the best Sepoys, together with the lieutenants Wilkey and Crow; who having endeavoured in vain to rally the men, gallantly determined to stay in the entrenchment, where they were cut down. No farther hopes therefore remained of driving, the regent out of Setingham; on the contrary, it became necessary for the garrison, thus lessed, to give their whole attention to the security of the city; and all negotiations between the Nabob and the regent being at an end, captain Dalton tuned out the 700 Mysoreans, suffering them to retire peaceably with their arms and baggage: but he detained their commander Gopaulrauze, the regent's brother, permitting him however to keep such

But left the enemy should imagine that he was totally dispirited, if he should remain inactive, captain Dalton determined to make fome attempt, which, at the fame time that it might be executed without much rifque, might make them believe he was still in a capacity to act in the field. They had a post about four miles west of Tritchinopoly, at a pagoda called Velore, where the guard prevented the country people from carrying provitions into the city. The pagoda had a ftrong ftone wall, and they had choaked up the great gate with mud, leaving at the bottom a wicket, by which only one man could enter at a time, and this they carefully thut every evening: 30 Europeans marched in a dark night, and having concealed themselves in a watercourse near the gate, a serjeant of artillery, carrying a barrel of gun powder with a long faufage to it, went forward, and digging, placed the barrel under the wicket unobserved, although the centinel was fitting at the top of the gate finging a Moorish fong: the explosion not only brought down the mud-work, but also blew up the terrace of the gateway, with the guard asleep on it, so that the foldiers entered immediately without difficulty, and having fresh in their memory the loss of their comrades at the choultry, put all the Mysoreans they met to the sword.

The regent, convinced by this exploit that famine would be the furest means of reducing the garrison, ordered a party of 200 horse to lie on the plain every night, between the city and the country of the Polygar Tondiman, from whence alone provisions were obtained: they seized some of the people bringing in rice, and according to their ancient and barbarous custom, cut off their noses, and sent them thus mangled to Tritchinopoly. This cruelty struck such a terror, that for some days no one would venture to bring in supplies: in order therefore to dislodge this detachment, 400 men, Sepoys and Europeans, with two field pieces, marched in the evening and took possession of the ground where they used to pass the night; the enemy coming up some time after, did not discover their danger before they received the sire of the troops, which immediately put them to slight, and by their outcries it was imagined they suffered considerably.

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'Whatever might be their lofs, the furprize struck such a terror, that no more finall detachments could be prevailed on to remain within reach of the garrison during the dark, nights; and their refufal fuggefted to the regent the refolution of dividing his force, and of forming a confiderable camp between the city and Tondiman's country, whilft he remained with the rest at Seringham. A multitude of people fet to the work finished in a few days an entrenchment, with a front mud wall, at a place called Faequire's Tope, or the grove of the Facquire, fituated four miles to the fouth, and one to the west of the city; after which 5000 horse and 3000 foot, being nearly one half of the drmy, and the best troops in it, moved from the illand with their baggage, and pitched their tents within this fortification. The effect of this disposition was soon severely felt; no more grain was brought to the market, the shops were shut, and the inhabitants began to cry famine, whilft the garrifon had the mortification to perceive themselves incapable of removing the diffress, being, fince the lofs at the choultry, too weak to cope with the enemy, in either of their camps.

Such was the fituation of affairs at Tritchinopoly at the end of March 1733. In the mean time the junction of the Morattoes enabled Mr. Dupleix to make head against the Nabob in the Carnatic, and he had likewife received the satisfaction of hearing that his ally Salabad-jung had removed a most dangerous competitor for the Soubathin, by the murder of his brother Gazi-o-din Khan.

This prince having long fent before him many threats and trumours of his approach to the Decan, at length marched from Delhi; and in the beginning of October 1752, appeared before Aurengabad at the fiead of 150,000 men; at the fame time, and by his infligation, [Balagerow and Ragogi Bonfola entered the province of Gol-coudah, with 100,000 Morattoes. Balagerow is known; and Ragogi Bonfola we have feen invading the Carnatte in 1740, ten years before which he had made conquests and established the Morattoe dominion in some parts of the province of Berar, from whence, in conjunction with Balagerow, he invaded Bengal in 1744; Salabad-jing and Mr. Bussy were at Gol-coudah when they received intelligence of the approach of these armies, and immediately took the still with their ut-

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. most force, and at Beder, a very strong and ancient city 60 miles northwest of Gol-condah, were met by the Morattoes. Meanwhile Ghazio-din Khan entered Aurengabad without opposition. He had brought with him from Delhi a French furgeon named De Volton, who had long been principal physician to the Great Mogul. This man, Ghazio-din Khan fent forward to Pondicherry, as an envoy empowered by the Great Mogul to offer Mr. Dupleix many advantages, if he would withdraw the French troops from the fervice of Salabad-jing: and as a proof of this commission, De Volton was furnished with a blank paper, to which the great feal of the empire was affixed. Salabadjing receiving intelligence of these intentions, set about to frustrate them by a method which could not fail of fuccess, as it could not naturally be suspected; for he prevailed on his mother, who was at Aurengabad, to poison his brother, who, however was not her son; which she effected by sending him a plate of victuals, prepared, as fhe too truly affured him, with her own hands. On his death the greatest part of his army returned to their homes; but some joined the Morattoes at Beder.

Whatfoever apprehensions Salabad-jing might have, that Scheabeddin the son of Chazi-o-din Khan at Delhi, would obtain the Soubahship of the Decan, and revenge the murder of his father; he affected to fear nothing from him, either as an enemy or a competitor: and afferting with more considence than ever, that he himself was the real Soubah, sent, immediately on Ghazi-o-din Khan's death, an embassador of his own to Pondicherry, who likewise pretended to come from the great Mogul, with a patent, as Salabad-jing had promised, consirming Mr. Dupleix Nabob of the countries to the south of the Kristna. The man was received with great pomp and respect, and the patent published throughout the province with much oftentation.

But still this title, specious as it might be, furnished Mr. Dupleix with no money, which in the wars of Indostan is of more service than any title whatsoever; for the revenues which Salabad-jing received at Aurengabad were continually exhausted by the great army he was obliged to maintain, and the charge of Mr. Busy's troops alone amounted to 400,000 pounds a year. The distress was as great at Pondia

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Pondicherry; for although many chiefs in the Carnatic had without compulsion contributed to support the cause of Chunda-sahebduring his life, their zeal ccased at his death, from their sense of the incapacity of his fon Raja-faheb, little qualified to profecute a contest in which a man of his father's abilities had perished; and in this time of anarchy and confusion, whilst the authority of no one extended farther than his fword could reach, every chief referved for himfelf whatever revenues he could collect. So that notwithflanding Mr. Dupleix's title was acknowledged by all who did not wish well to Mahomed-ally, his power was confined to the diffricts which lie between Pondicherry and Gingee, and these did not furnish more than 50,000 pounds a year: at the same time the French company, misled by his representations, fent out no more money than was necessary for their commerce, and with positive orders that it should not be employed to any other purpofe. These disadvantages would probably have reduced the French to cease hostilities after the capture at Seringham, had not Mr. Dupleix been endowed (and this at least is much to his honour) with a perfeverance, that even superfeded his regard to his own fortune, of which he had at that time difburfed 140,000 pounds, and he continued with the same spirit to furnish more; but as this resource could not last long, and as the slender capacity of Raja-saheb rendered him rather a burthen than a support to the cause, he determined to make him relinquish the title of Nabob, and to give it to some other person, from whose wealth, ability, and connexion, he might reasonably expect confiderable resources for carrying on the war. The man lie pitched upon was Mortiz-ally Khan of Velore, to whom he displayed all the commissions he had received from Salabat-jing, and discovered the flate of his negotiations with the Morattoes, and Myforeans. The Phousdar, sensible that there could not be much risk in taking part with fuch an apparent fuperiority, accepted the propofal, levied troops. and refolved to go to Pondicherry, as foon as the journey might be undertaken without danger. In the mean time 50 Europeans were fent from Pondicherry to Velore, and with their affillance he formed a conspiracy with the French prisoners in the fort of Arcot, who were to rife and overpower the English garrison, which they greatly outnumbered; but a suspicion of this treachery was luckily enter-Nn 2 tained

tained in time to prevent the success of it, and the prisoners were removed in the latter end of December to Chinglapett. Thus ended the year 1752 in the Carnatic.

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On the 3d of January 1753, the French, confilling of 500 Europeans, and a troop of 60 horie, together with 2000 Sepoys, and 4000 Morattoes under the command of Morari-row, marched from Valdore, and entrenched on the banks of the river Pannar, in light of Trivadi: upon which Major Lawrence, with the Nabab, returned from Fort.St. David to their former encomponent at that place. Their force confifted of 700 Europeans, 2000 Sepoys, and 1500 daffardly horse belonging to the Nubob. On the 9th the Mounttoes, supported by two companies of Topasses in their own pay, advanced with three field pieces, and began to cannonade the village of Trivadi. The battalion was immediately under arms, and the granadiers, with fome Sepoys, were ordered to attack their guns, which they got possession of before the enemy had time to fire a fecond round: the Morattoes still remaining on the plain, Major Lawrence followed them two miles towards their camp, and having as he thought sufficiently difperfed them with his field pieces, prepared to return, when they came galloping up again furioufly on all fides, and furrounded him. The foldiers preserved their fire till every shot did execution, and the artillery men behaving with the same calmnets and resolution soon beat them off, with the loss of 100 men killed. Morari-row, on his return to the camp reproached the French for their cowardice, in not having supported him in the manner that had been concerted between them. He continued however with great activity to distress their enemies, by fending out parties, which prevented the country people from bring-· ing provisions to the English camp; and this obliged Major Lawrence, -when in want, to march with his whole force, and efcort his supplies from Fort St. David. These marches were excellively fatiguing, and might have been dangerous, had the French behaved with the fame activity and spirit as the Morattocs, who never failed to be on the -road harraffing, and fometimes charging, the line of march: on the 28th of January, in particular, they accompanied the battalion the whole way from Trivadi to Fort St. David: but dispirited by the loss of 300 of their horses, which were killed by the field pieces in the

different skirmishes of the day, they did not venture to attack the troops as they were returning to the eamp with the convoy.

Supported as the French were by this excellent cavalry, they might without much rifque have ventured on a general engagement; but Mr. Dupleix, whose eye was always on Tritchinopoly, determined to protract the war on the fea coast as long as possible, that the My foreans might not be interrupted from blockading the city. He therefore ordered his troops on the Pannar to act intirely on the defensive, and to firengthen their entrenchments; which, with the usual dexterity of that nation in works of this kind, were foon compleated and rendered little inferior to the defences of a regular fortrefs. English presidency, fensible of the great risque of storming such works without a fufficient hody of horfe to cover the flanks of their infantry during the attack, folliested the king of Tanjore to fend his cavalry to their affistance : he promised fair, and a detachment of Europeans with two field pieces marched from Trivadi to favour the junction? but they had not proceeded far, before they heard that the king had recalled his troops to the capital, on a report that the Moratroes intended to enter his country.

Diappointed of this affiftance, Major Lawrence was obliged to remain inactive in his camp, contemplating every day the fituation of the enemy, which he had in fight, and fretting at his incapacity to attack them. The Morattoes in the mean time were not idle; their parties were feen now at Trinomalee, then at Arcot, then at Chillambrain, that is, in every part of the province between the river Pah ir, and the Coleroon. In the middle of February, one of their detachments appeared, flourishing their fabres, and caracolling within musket flot of Chimundelum, the western redoubt of the bound-hedge of St. Day dither miolence irritated the guard, and the ferjeant, a brave but blundering man, thinking this an opportunity of distinguishing himself and of getting promotion, marched into the plain with his whole force, 25 Europeaus, and 50 Sepojs. The enemy retreated, until the party was advanced half a mile from the redoubt; when they turned on a sudden, and galloping up furrounded them in an infant; the series and doubting that the first sire would disperse them.

them, gave it in a general volly, which did some execution; but before the troops could load again, the Morattoes charged them impetuously sword in hand, broke the rank, and every horseman singling out a particular man, cut them all to pieces. Inactivity or retreat in war is never in Indostan imputed to prudence or stratagem, and the side which ceases to gain successes is generally supposed to be on the brink of ruin. Such were the notions entertained of the army at Trivadi, and they were industriously propagated by Mr. Dupleix, in order to encourage his new ally Mortiz-ally to set up his standard in the province. The Phoussar with his usual caution first encamped without Velore, then advanced somewhat farther, and at last, assured by the Morattoes that they would cover his march, ventured to proceed to Pondicherry, where, on surnishing 50,000 pounds for the expences of the war, he was with great ceremony and public rejoicings proclaimed Nabob of the Carnatic.

But the satisfaction he might receive from this exaitation did nor last long. It was proposed that he should begin by imitating the conduct of Chunda-faheb, and appear at the head of the army: this his nature abhorred. On fettling the terms of his regency, fo much affiftance in money and troops was expected from him, and fo little power or advantage offered in return, that he found the Nabobship held on fuch conditions, would be of less value than the independant possession of his government of Velore. At the same time suspecting what he himself would infallibly have done in a similar case, he was terrified with the notion that Mr. Dupleix would keep him a prisoner at Pondicherry, if he discovered his aversion to have any farther connexion with him: these sentiments did not escape the fagacity of Mr. Dupleix; but he had too much good fense, not to see that fuch a breach of faith would probably determine the enemies of Mahomed-ally to make their peace on any terms with that prince. He therefore consented to Mortiz-ally's return, who promising to make war in the country about Arcot, left Pondicherry in the end of March, convinced for the first time in his life, that he had met with a more cunning man than himself.

In the mean time, no military operations passed, excepting the

skirmishes of the Morattoes with the English battalion, during three or four marches, which they were obliged to make, in order to efcort their provisions from Fort St. David. The French were not to be inticed out of their entrenchments; and Major Lawrence, feeing no other method of striking a decisive blow, determined to storm their camp. The prefidency feconded this resolution, by sending 200 Europeans, of which 100 were a company of Swifs lately arrived from Bengal, to Fort St. David; where the battalion joined them; and the whole, with a large convoy of provisions, set out for the camp, on the first of April. The whole body of the Morattoes were waiting for them in fight of the bound-hedge; and behaved this day with more activity than ever, rarely removing out of cannon thot, and galloping up whenever the incumbrances of the baggage difunited the line of march, and left intervals open to their attacks. Thus continually threatened, and often affaulted, the convoy advanced very flowly. The weather was excessive hot, and several men fell dead with the heat, fatigue, and the want of water. When within three miles of Trivadi, the Morattoes made a general and vigorous charge, farrounding the front of the line, and were with difficulty repulfed; many of their horses fell within a few yards of the field pieces, and amongst the slain was Bazinrow, Morari-row's nephew, the same who came to captain Clive's affiftance, after the fiege of Arcot. His death damped their ardour, and they retreated to a distance. But the work of the day was not yet over; for the troops continuing their march. discovered within a mile of Trivadi, the French troops and Senots drawn up on their right: the convoy happened luckily to march on the left along the bank of the river Gandelu. The two battalions advanced against each other cannonading, until the French coming to a hollow-way, halted on the opposite side, imagining that the English would not venture to pass it under the disadvantage of being exposed to their fire; but Major Lawrence ordered the Sepoys and artillery to halt and defend the convoy against the Morattoes, still hovering about, and pushed on briskly with the main body of Europeans across the hallow way: the enemy, who expected to find the English fatigued with a long and harraffing march, were fo startled at the vivacity of this motion, that they only flayed to give one fire, and then

ran away with the utmost precipitation, leaving the English to sinish their march without farther molestation. As soon as the troops were recovered from their fatigue, Major Lawrence approached nearer the enemy's camp, within a mile of which they had an advanced party, at the village of Caryamungalum; the granadiers and 100 men of the battalion were ordered to attack this post, and soon get possession of it; after which a battery of two eighteen pounders was erected against their entrenchments, at the distance of 700 yards: it was not before this time that the English perfectly discovered the strength of their works, which consisted of a rampart cannon proof, with redoubts at proper distances, a broad and deep ditch, and a good glacis, defended by 30 pieces of cannon. The battery fired for some time, but made no impression, and the dissipatory of getting provision; increasing with the distance from St. David, it was thought proper to desist from the attempt, and the army returned to Trivadi.

In the mean time, the Morattoes were indefatigable, and being joined by a fmall party from Pondicherry, surprized a fort near Chillambrum, called Bonagerry, from whence Fort St. David drew large supplies of grain: captain Kilpatrick marched with a detachment to retake the place; and upon his approach they abandoned it in the night.

Three months ineffectually employed to bring the enemy to a general engagement, convinced Major Lawrence of the necessity of altering his plan of operations. He consulted with the Nabob on removing the war to some other part of the country, in order to draw the French battalion from their present impregnable situation; but it was not easy to determine where they should carry their arms; and whilst they were deliberating on the choice, sudden and unexpected news from Tritchinopoly resolved the difficulty, and left them without an option.

Captain Dalton, foreseeing the distresses to which the city would be reduced after the deseat of his party at the Choultry, had often questioned Kiroodin Khan the governor, on the quantity of provisions he had in store; who always assured him, with great considence, that he had sufficient to supply the garrison for four months. For some

time the finall convoys, which got into the city in fpite of the enemy's patroles, balanced the daily confumption made out of the magazines; but as foon as the Myforean divided his army into two camps, all fupplies were cut off, and a party of Sepoys, which had been fent into Tondiman's country, were not able to get back. In this fituation captain Dalton infifled on examining the magazines, when to his great furprize Kiroodin Khan informed him that he had taken advantage of the feareity, to fell out the provisions to the inhabitants at a high price, not doubting but that opportunities of replacing them would offer, and acknowledged that the flock remaining was no more than fufficient for fifteen days: in which time the army at Trivadi could hardly receive the news, and march to the relief of the city. Expostulations were vain, for the mischief was real; an express was therefore fent with this alarming intelligence to major Lawrence, who received it at ten at night, the 20th of April, and inflantly iffued orders for the troops to be in readiness to march by day-break; when, leaving a garrifon of 150 Europeans, and 500 Sepoys, at Trivadi, the rest proceeded to Fort St. David, in order to collect the necessary fupplies of military stores.

The want of horse having hitherto been the principal obstacle to the progress of the Nabob's affairs, it was determined to apply again to the king of Tanjore, and in order to encourage, or if necessary to awe him into a compliance, it was refolved to proceed to Tritehinopoly, through his dominions. The army on the 22d of April paffed by Chillambrum, and as foon as they croffed the Coleroon, the king deputed Succojee, his prime minister, to compliment the Nabob and major Lawrence; and when they were arrived at Condore, ten miles from the capital, be defired an interview, and met them half way at one of his gardens, where he appeared in great iplendor, accompanied by 3000 horfe, and 200 elephants in rich trappings. Seeming to be ; convinced that it was his own interest to support the Nabob, he gave orders to his horse to proceed with him to Tritchinopoly; but the next day, after marching a few miles, they left the army, promifing, however, to return very foon-

During this interval captain Dalton had not been inactive at Trichi-O o nopaly.

nopoly. The enemy's troops at the Facquire's Tope were com-753. manded by Virana, the same general who led the van of the army, when the Myforeans first joined the English detachment at Kistnavaram, where captain Dalton had an opportunity of discovering the little reach of his military capacity, and knowing him to be a very timorous man, particularly in the night, he did not doubt that if frequent alarms were given to the camp, the Myforean would, out of regard to his own fecurity, fend no more detachments abroad to intercept provisions coming to the city. For this purpose he erected a redoubt, within random cannon shot of the enemy's camp, but much nearer to the city; and when this post was well secured, and two pieces of heavy cannon mounted on it, the guard frequently advanced with two field pieces, and fired into the camp; in the day time taking care to return to the redoubt, as foon as the enemy began to move, which they were apprized of by fignals from the rock in Tritchinopoly; but in the night they proceeded with less caution, and advanced near enough to throw grape shot into the camp, the Mysoreuns never. once venturing to fend out a detachment to cut off their retreat. Encouraged by this proof of their imbecillity, the party, under favour of a very dark night, approached the 15th of April much nearer, and fired 30 rounds of grape shot into the camp, from each of the field pieces; which created no small confusion, as appeared by the number of lights the enemy raised, and the great uproar they made: next day the party had scarce recommenced their fire from the usual station, before they perceived the enemy decamping in a great hurry; but suspecting this to be a seint to draw them nearer in order to cut off their retreat, they continued firing very brifkly without advancing : and before noon the enemy struck all their tents, and abandoned the

camp, which the party then took possession of, and found in it a large quantity of rice and other provisions, as also several wounded men, who informed them, that the cannonade of the preceding night having killed an elephant, two camels, and several horses, had struck Virana with such terror, that he determined not to stand the risk of another

attack. He however remained to the fouth of the Caveri two or three days longer; but on receiving certain intelligence of major.

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Lawrence* march, he joined the rest of the My foreans at Seringham, and the country people ventured again to bring provitions into the city

On the 6th of May, the major arrived in fight of Tri chinopoly, and entered the city without meeting any interruption, for none of the Mytoreans pretuned to appear on the plant the number of the battalion was greatly diminified during the march, which was performed at the fetting in of the hind winds, when they blow with the greatest heat and violence, besides several who died on the road, and others who were fent back sick to fort St. Dwid, and Devi Cotali, too men unsit for duty were carried into the hospital at Tritehinopoly on the day of their arrival many had likewise deferted, particularly of the Swiss, of whom a ferjeant and 15 men went off in one day so that the whole, including what the garriton of I ratchinopoly could spare for the field, amounted, when mustered, to no more than 500 Luropeans, who with 2000 Sepoys, and 3000 horse in the Nabols sservee, composed the army

As foon as Mr Duplets was certain what rout they had taken, he detached 200 I uropeans, and 500 Sepoys, with four field pieces, from the empirical Trivadt, who marching by the road of Verdachelum, Volcondah and Utatoor, joined the My foreans at Seringham, the day after the Fuglish arm of at Tritchinopoly

Major Lawrence having allowed the men three days to refresh themselves, determined on the 10th of May to pass over into the island, and offer the enemy battle, which it they dechned, he resolved to bombard Seringham, and cumonade their camp the Nabob's cavilry, discontented for want of pay, refused to take my share in the action. I be battilion and Sepoys therefore proceeded without them, and setting out at three in the morning in two divisions, arrived at fix it Moots Chellinooi, a village four miles west of the city, over against the head of the island. A large body of horse and foot, drawn up on the opposite ide, scemed determined to detend the pass, but were toon dispersed by the first division, and whilst the second was reossing they retreated towards the pagoda, from whence the My foreans no sooner discovered the Lughsh forming on the island,

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than they swarmed out in great numbers, and their cavalry, led by the Morattoes under the command of Harrasing, came galloping up at a great rate, and making a resolute charge on the left of the line, where a body of Sepays were posted, broke through them sword in hand; but the Sepoys feeing three platoons of Europeans advancing to their support, behaved with spirit, and recovering their ground, kept up a finart fire, which after a fevere flaughter repulfed the cavalry, who made a most precipitate retreat towards the pagoda, exposed to the fire of ten pieces of cannon, eight of which were field pieces which accompanied the troops, and two eighteen pounders which captain Dalton had fent to the bank of the river. this time Mr. Astruc, with the French troops and Sepoys marched up, and lodging the greatest part of them in a water course, where they were effectually sheltered, placed his cannon, four field pieces, on an eminence, from whence they made a brisk fire. They were anfwered by the English artillery; but as it was not thought prudent to make a push at the water course, at the risque of being fallen upon by fuch numbers of cavalry as covered the plain, major Lawrence,. to preferve his main body from the enemy's cannonade, ordered them to take shelter behind a bank, so that the sight was maintained only by the artillery until noon, when a party of the enemy's Sepoys, with fome Topasses, took possession of a large choultry to the left of the English line, which they began to incommode with the fire of their musketry; upon this the company of grenadiers, with a detachment of Swiss under the command of captain Polier, were ordered to diflodge the Sepoys; which fervice the grandiers effected with great refolution; and, animated by their fuccess, pursued the fugitives until they infenfibly gained the flank of the water course, where the main body of the French troops was concealed; who, on feeing the danger which threatened them, prepared to retreat, and were actually on the point of abandoning two of the field, pieces, when captain Polier, who remained with the Swifs at the choultry, and from thence could not see the enemy's confusion, fent orders for the grenadiers to return. Thus was lost one of those critical moments, on which the greatest advantages of, war to often depend; but without any disparagement

to the reputation of Polier, whose orders directing him only to dislodge the enemy from the choultry, he would have been culpable, had he pushed his success firther without a subsequent order, which the major had no reason to send, as from the situation he was in, be could not discover the distress of the enemy. On the retreat of the grenadiers, the French again took possession of the water course, and renewed the cannonade, which lasted till the evening, when the want of provisions, as well as the excessive sating which the English troops had under gone, obliged them to repris the river, and return to 1 intensionally, where they arrived at 10 at highr, having without intermission been employed to hours either in march or action. The loss they suffacioned was much less than might have been expected, from the fire to which they had been exposed, for only three officers were wounded, and two with four private men and a few Sepoys killed

The operations of this day shewed that the French troops were commanded by an abler officer than any who had yet appeared at their head, and little hopes remaining of diffodging the Myforeaus from the pagoda, major Lawrence gave his whole attention to the means of supplying the city with provisions For this purpose the army marched into the plant, and encamped at the Pacquire's Tope, within the entrenchment which Viruia the My fore general had lately abandoned, where they lay conveniently for protecting the conveys coming from Tondiman's country, proper agents, supported by a detachment of troops, were fent to purchase grain, and at the same time the king of Tanjore was requested to collect and for d supplies But the Myforean was not wanting to counteract these measures. he kept an agent both at Tanjore, and with Tondiman, who tenrefented, that if Tritchinopoly should once be provided with a confd-ruble flock of provisions, at was not to be doubted but that the Nabob and the Linglish would immediately carry their arms again into the Carnatic, leaving their illies exposed to the just resentment of the regent, who would not ful to tile the feverest revenge for the fervice they had rendered his enemies This reasoning was well adapted to the genius of those to whom it was addrasted, for the Indians.

Indians, never influenced by the principle of gratitude themselves, do not expect to meet with it in others; and accustomed, after they have gained their ends, to pay no regard to the promises they have made, they gave little credit to major Lawrence when he affured them that he would never remove from Tritchinopoly, before he had provided for the fafety of their countries. Nor did the Mysorean neglect to employ the resource of money to alienate these precarious allies: in Tondiman's country he bribed the chiefs and officers of fuch districts as lay convenient for furnishing provisions; and at Tanjore gained over to his interest the prime minister Succojee, who intirely ruled the King his master; however the King, not wholly unfollicitous of the consequences, if the English fortune should change again, palliated his refufal with specious pretexts, and wrote to the prefidency that the enemy's detachments had already done mischief to the amount of 100,000 pounds in his country, where the harvest was now coming on, but that as foon as it was gathered he would not fail to give them all the affistance in his power: this pretended mischief was no more than what all other parts of the country had fuffered from the Morattoes, who in their predatory excursions made no diffinction between the territories of friends and foes.

Thus, notwithstanding no prudent measure was neglected, the fupples received were so far from being sufficient to stock the magazines, that it was with difficulty, enough was procured for the immediate confumption of the army and garrison. In this fituation major Lawrence was obliged to remain for five weeks, without having an opportunity of acting against the enemy, who determined not to expose themselves, until they were reinforced from the sea coast.

The French troops in this part of the country quitted their entrenchments on the fame day that the major marched from Fort St. David, and a detachment of 200 Europeans, with 300 Sepoys, attacked the village of Trivadi; but captain Chace, the commanding officer, fallying from the fort, repulsed them; some days after they renewed the attack, and were again repulsed by a detachment of 60 Europeans, and 300 Sepoys; who, elated with their fuccess, quitted the village,

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village, and contrary to their orders marched out into the plain the Morattoes, who were in fight, waiting for fuch an opportunity of exerting themselves, instantly surrounded the party, and charging with great fury, routed them, and cut every man to pieces. This lofs difabling the garrifon from making any more fallies, the French took toffession of the village, credled a battery, and cannonaded the fort. The troons within were still sufficient to have made a good defence; but a mutiny arose, and the lenity of the commanding officer's temper, not permitting him to fee the necessity of making severe examples in the beginning, the men, no longer controulable, got noffession of the arrack, and mad with liquor, obliged him to capitulate, and were made prisoners of war this misfortune affected captain Chace fo fensibly, that it threw him into a fever, of which he died foon after at Poudicherry. At the fame time a detachment of Morattoes, with fome Europeans, appeared before Chillambruin, where the English kept a ferreaut with a few artillery-men; who discovering that the governor was plotting to deliver them up to the enemy, marched away in the night to Devi Cotah Nonwas the loss of these places and their dependencies the only detriment which the ... Nabob's affairs liad fultained in the Carnatic; for a number of petty commanders, foldiers of fortune, fet up their standards, and pretending to be authorized by Mr. Dupleix and Morari-row, levied contributions, and committed violences in all parts of the country. Even Mortiz-ally hearing foon after his return to Velore that the English did not venture to attack the French entrenchments at Trivadi, and that Tritchinopoly was hard preffed by the My foreans, took courage, and entertaining thoughts of afferting the title which Mr. Duplers had conferred upon him, ordered his troops to commit hoftilities in the neighbourhood near Arcot. His force confilted of 50 Luropeans, with three pieces of cannon, who accompanied him from Pondicherry, and 2000 Sepoys, 1500 horfe, and 500 matchlock Peons, his own troops They plundered all the villages lying near the city without meeting any interruption, for Abdullwahab Khan, the Nabob's brother, and lieutenant in the province, an indolent fenfual man, dishpated in his pleasures and upon his favourites most of the monies he collected, and gave no attention to the maintaining of a competent

competent force to support his authority: encouraged by this negli-, gence, Mortiz-ally threatened to attack the city of Arcot itself, of which the prefidency receiving intelligence, directed the commanding officer of the fort to join the Nabob's troops with as many Europeans as could prudently be spared from the garrison, and attack the enemy in the field. Abdullwahab, alarmed for his own feculity, with some difficulty got together 800 Sepoys, 1000 horse and 500 Peons, all of them the very worst troops in the province; they were commanded by another of the Nabob's brothers Nazcabulla, a man' nearly of the same character as Abdullwahab. This force, joined by 40 Europeans, 200 English Sepoys, with two field pieces under the command of enfign Joseph Smith, marched out of the city on the 21st of April, and when half-way to Velore discovered the Phousdar's army drawn up across the road, their right sheltered by the hills. It was with great reluctance that Nazeabulla Khan could be prevailed upon to attack them, although it was evident they would fall on him, as foon as he offered to retreat: enfign Smith began a cannonade, and drove the French feveral times from their guns, but a party of 500 excellent Sepoys maintained themselves with much more resolution behind a bank, and in feveral attempts that were made to drive them from it, most of the English Sepoys were lost. The enemy's cavalry feeing this, attacked the Europeans, but were repulsed by the grape shot; on which they pushed at Nazeabulla's cavalry, who took flight without waiting the onfet, and fcon after his Sepoys and Peons went off likewife, leaving the Europeans, now reduced to 25 men, with about 40 Sepoys, furrounded by the enemy. Enfign Smith however kept the ground until night, when his men leaving the field pieces behind, endeavoured, as they could, to get back to the city; but they were discovered, and all, excepting three; were intercepted; fome were killed, and the rest, amongst whom was enfign Smith, were made prisoners and carried to Velore. Flushed by this success, Mortiz-ally renewed his correspondence with Mr. Dupleix, and undertook to befiege Trinomalee, a strong fort situated about 40 miles south of Arcot, in the high road to Tritchinopoly, and Morari-row moved from Chillambrum to affift in the expedition. But Mr. Dupleix thinking it of more importance

ance to reinforce the army at Seringham, prevailed on him to detach 3000 of his Morattees under the command of Inni, Khan, and Joined to them 300 Europeans and 1000 Sepoys.

As foon as thefe troops arrived, the enemy quitted Seringham, and eroffing the Caveri, encamped on the plain three miles to the north of Pacquire's Tope. Their force now confilled of 450 Europeans, 1500 well-trained Sepays, Soco Myfore horte, 3500 Monattoes, and two companies of Topalles with 1000 Sepoys in the fervice of the regent; the rest of whose infantry was 15,000 Peons, armed with matchlocks, fwords, hows and arrows, pikes, clubs, and rockets; imperfect weapons worthy the rabble that bore them. Major Lawrence had only the 500 Europeans, and the 2000 Sepoys he brought with him from the coaft; but 700 of these Sepoys were continually emplayed in the Polygar's country, to efcort the convoys; his artillery were eight excellent fix-pounders; of the Nabob's horse only 100 encamped with the English, the rest remaining under the walls, and peremptorily refuting to march antil they were paid their arrears,

There are, about a mile to the fouth of the Facquire's Tone, fome high mountains called the five rocks, on the fummit of which the Major always kept a strong guard of Sepoys: but he being obliged to go into the city for the recovery of his health, the officer who commanded during his absence neglected to continue this detachment. The enemy recommoitring, and finding this poll without defence, detached in the night a firong party to take policition of it; and early the next morning their whole army was differented in motion, allembling under thelter of the five rocks, whilft their advanced cannon plunged into the English camp; whither the Major immediately returned, but found it impossible to regain the post: he however kept his ground until night, and then encomped about a quarter of a mile nearer the city, behind a finall eminence which theltered the troops from the enemy's artillery; they the next day quitted the camp to the north of the Facquire's Tope, and encamped at the five rocks. Here they had it in their power intirely to cut off the fupplies of provisions coming from the Polygar's country, and to intercept the Pр detachment

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detachment of 700 Sepoys fent to escort them: at the same time the great superiority of their numbers, and the advantage of the ground they occupied, rendered an attack upon their camp impracticable: but it was evident that if they were not soon dislodged, neither the English army in the field, nor the garrison of the city, could subsist long; to augment the distress, a strong spirit of desertion arose among the soldiery. In these circumstances, even the most sanguine began to lose hope, and to apprehend that the city must be abandoned in order to save the troops from perishing by samine.

The Major had stationed a guard of 200 Sepoys, on a small rock. fituated about half a mile fouth-west of his camp, and nearly a milenorth-east of the enemy's. Mr. Astruc soon discovered the importanceof this post, which if he could get possession of, his artillery would eafily oblige the English to decamp again, and retire under the walls. of the city, where, still more streightened, they would probably be. reduced in a very few days to the necessity of retreating to their settlements. He therefore resolved to attack the post, and marched early. in the morning, on the 26th of June, with his grenadiers and a large body of Sepoys; but they meeting with more refistance than was expected, he ordered the whole army to move and support them. The-Major, as foon as he found the rock attacked, ordered the picquet guardof the camp, confifting of 40 Europeans, to march and support his Sepoys: but afterwards observing the whole of the enemy's army in motion, he ordered all' his troops to get under arms, and leaving 100 Europeans to take care of the camp, marched with the rest of his force, which, in Europeans did not exceed 300 battalion men, with 80 belonging to the artillery; and he had with him-no more than 500 Sepoys: for the rest were at this time in the city endeavouring to procure rice, of which none had been fold in camp fince the enemy appeared on the plain. With this small force, he hastened, as fast as they could march, to reach the rock before the enemy's main body. But Mr. Astruc, with the party already engaged in the attack, perceiving his approach, made a vigorous effort, and before the Major had got half way, the Sepoys who defended the rock, were all either killed, or taken prisoners, and the French colours immediately hoisted. This obliged

oth jed the Major to halt, and confider what was most adviscable to be done in this crinical conjuncture, on which the tate of the whole was feemed to depend. There was little time for deliberation for the Linch Lattalian were more arrived behind the rock, and their artillers from the right and left of it, were tring upon the Linghist troops, the rock ittelf was covered by their Supon's ported by their Suponitary, the whole Mytore uring was drawn up in one great look at the distance of can in that in the rein, the Morattors were, as usual, fixing about in the all detachments, and naking the gest of the danks and rear of the Linghist Battihon in order to infimiliate and create contains.

In such circumstances the officer, un mimously agreed in opinion with their general, that it was fater to make a galla it path, than to retreat beto e tuch numbers of enemies and the folders teeming much delighted at this opportunity of having what they called a fair I nock at the I reach men on the plan, major Lawrence took adnan age of the good disposition of the wilde, and hiring slac conmendations to their furit, ordered the grenadiers to attack the rock with fixed bayonets, whilft he himfelt with the reft of the troops, wheeled round the foot of it to engage the I reach battalion fuldiers received the orders with three huzzas, and the grenadiers letting out at a great rate, though at the fame time keeping their ranks, paid no attention to the feathered fire they received from the rock, nor made a halt until they got to the top of it, whill the enemy trerified at their intrepidity, deteended as they were mounting, without during to fland the those of their onfet. Some of the best Senors followed the grenadiers, and all to ether began a floor fire up in the I reach troops, drawn up within piffol flot below. In the mean tin e Mr. Aftrue, perceiving that the left flank of his but thon would, if it remained drawn up freing the north, be expoted to the Linglish troops. wheeling round the foot of the rock, chapged his pointion, and dreat up from give well, in order to oppose them in front But this move ment exposed his right first to the fire of the grenidiers and Sepois from the rock, by which his troops had already funered confiderably, s hen the Luglish batt dion executing their evolution with great id-Pp2 dreis.

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dress, drew up at once directly opposite to the enemy, at the distance of 20 yards.

The French troops were struck with consternation upon seeing themselves thus daringly attacked in the midst of their numerous allies, by such a handful of men; and indeed a stranger, taking a view of the two armies from the top of one of the rocks on the plain, could scarcely have believed that the one ventured to dispute a province with the other.

Mr. Astruc exerted himself as a brave and active officer, and with difficulty prevailed on his men to keep their ranks with recovered arms, until the English gave their sire, which falling in a well levell'd discharge from the whole battalion, and feconded by a hot fire from the rock, together with a discharge of grape shot from the first field piece that came up, threw them into irreparable diforder; they ran away with the utmost precipitation, leaving three pieces of cannon, with some ammunition carts behind them. The Morattoes immediately made a gallant effort to cover their retreat by flinging themselves between, and some of the grenadiers, who had run forward to seize the sield pieces, fell under their fabres. Animated by this fuccess, they attacked the battalion, pushing in several charges up to the very bayonets, and endeavouring to cut down the men, who constantly received them with so much steadiness, that they were not able to throw a fingle platoon into diforder: at length having fuffered much, and lost feveral of their best men by the incessant sire of the line, they desisted from their attacks, and retreated to the main body of the Myforeans: amongst their dead was Ballapah, one of their principal officers, brother-in-law to Morari-row, a very gallant man, much esteemed by the English, who had often seen him exert himself with great bravery when fighting on their fide: he had broke his fword in cutting down a grenadier, when another, who was loading his piece, and faw his comrade fall, shot both ball and ramrod through his body. mean time the French never halted until they got into the rear of the Myfore army, when their officers prevailed on them to get into order again, and drew them up in a line with their allies, from whence they fired their two remaining field pieces with great vivacity, although the shot did not reach above half way.

The Major remained three hours at the foot of the reck, in order to give them an opportunity of renewing the fight; but finding that they thewed no inclination to more towards him, he prepared to return to his camp, leaving them to take polletion of the rock again at their peril; for fince the loss of the 200 Sepoys that defended it in the beginning of the action, he did not think it product to expose another detichment to the fame rifque, at fuch a diffance from his main body. The three guns with the prifoners were placed in the center, and the troops marching in platoons on each fide, the artillery was distributed in the front, rear, and intervals of the column. The rear had feareely got clear of the rock into the plain, when the whole of the enemy's cavalry fet up their thout, and came furioutly on, fluurifling their fwords as if they were refolved to exterminate at once the handful of men that opposed them. Whosoever has feen a body of ten thousand horse advancing on the full gallop all together, will acknowledge with the Mareschals Villars and Saxe that their appearance is tremendous, be their discipline or courage what it will; and fuch an onfet would doubtlets have disconcerted untried toldiers; but the enemy had to deal with Veterans equal to any who have done honour to the British nation; men convinced by repeated experience that a hody of well-disciplined infantry would always prevail against irregular cavalry, let their numbers be ever so great. In this confalence they halted, and without the least emotion, waited for the enemy, who were fuffered to come fufficiently near before the fignal was given to the artillery officers: the cannonade then began from eight fix pounders, loaded with grape, and was kept up at the rate of eight or ten that in a minute from each piece, to well directed that every that went amongst the crowd, as was visible by the numbers that dronged: this foon flopped their career, and they flood a while like men aftenished by the fall of thunder; but finding no intermission of the fire, and that the battalion and Sepoys referred theirs with 1ccovered arms, they went to the right about, and got out of the reach as fast as they had come on, leaving the troops to return quietly to their camp.

Thus was Tritchinopoly faved by a faceofs, which aftanished eventhose who had gained it; nor was the attempt, however desperate it might feem, justified by the success alone; for as the city would inevitably have fallen if the English had remained inactive, so the I is of it would have been hattened only a few days if they had been defeated; and major Lawrence undoubtedly acted with as much fagacity as spirit in risquing every thing to gain a victory, on which alone depended the preservation of the great object of the war.

The enemy dispirited by their defrat, began to difagree among ft themselves; the Mysoreans and French recipie cally imputing their ill fuccels to one another, and the Moratties with great reason to both; their parties appeared less frequently on the plain in the day, and none ventured to patrole in the night: the English Sepays in Tondiman's country availing themselves of this interval, quitted the woods, and joined the camp in the night, with a convoy of provitions which furnithed a thock for fifty days. This necessary object being provided for, the Major determined to avoid coming again to a general engagement, before he was joined by fome troops, which the arrival of the ships from Europe enabled the presidency to fend into the field: they were ordered to march through the Tanjore country; and as a body of cavalry was still more necessary to enable the army to act with vigour against an enemy which had such numbers, he refolved to proceed without delay to Tanjore, in hopes that whilst he was waiting for the reinforcement, the appearance of the army and the reputation of their late fuccets might determine the king to declare openly, and furnish the assistance of horie, of which the English stood to much in need. The presence of the Nabob, being thought necessary to facilitate the negociation, he prepared to march with the army; but on the evening that he intended to quit the city, his discontented troops assembled in the outer court of the palace, and clamouring declared that they would not fuffer him to move, before he had paid their arrears; in vain were arguments to convince this rabble, more infolent because they had never rendered any effential fervice, that his going to Tanjore was the only measure from which they could hope for a chance of receiving their pay; they remained inflexible, and threatened violence; upon which captain Dalton fent a messenger to the camp, from whence the grenadier company immediately marched into the city, where they were joined by

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100 of the garrifon, and all together forcing their way into the palace, they got the Nabob into his palankeen, and efcorted him to the camp furrounded by 200 Luropeans with fixed bayonets, the malecontents not daring to offer him any ootrage as he was paffing, nor on the other hand was any mury offered to them for nothwithflanding fuch proceedings in more civilized nations rately happen, and are justly effected mutiny and tierion, yet in Indostan they are common accidents, and arife from foch causes as render it difficolt to afcertam whether the prince or his army is most in fault. The ... Nabob had certainly no money to pay his troops, to far from it that the English had now for two years formshed all the expence of their own troops in the field but it is a maxim with every prince in India, let his wealth be ever to great, to keep his army in long arrears, for fear they should defert I his apprehension is perhaps not unjustly entertained of hirchings collected from every part of a despotick empire, and infentible of notions of attachment to the prince or crufe they ferve; but from hence the foldiers, accustomed to excuses when dictated by no necessity, wive no credit to those which are made to them. when there is a real impossibility of satisfying their demands; and a practice common to most of the princes of Indostan, concurs not a little to mercafe this muftruft in all who ferve them. for on the one hand the vain notions in which they have been educated inforce them. with fuch a love of outwird flow, and the increating climate in which they are born renders them so meapable of resisting the imnulfes of fancy; and on the other the frequent reverfes of fortune in. this empire dictate fo strongly the necessity of hoarding resources against the hour of calamity, that nothing is more common than to fee a Nabob purchasing a jewel or ornament of great price, at the very time that he is in the greatest distress for mone; to answer the necesfittes of the government Hence, instead of being shocked at the clamours of their foldiery, they are accustomed to live in expectation of them, and it is a maxim in their condoct to hear them with patience, unless the crood proceed to violence; but in order to prevent this they take care to attach to their interests fome principal officers, with fuch a number of the best troops as may ferve on emergency to check. the tumult, which is rarely headed by a man of distinction Bot when

3· • his affairs become desperate by the success of a superior enemy, the prince atones severely for his evasions, by a total desection of his army, or by suffering such outrages as the Nabob Mahomed-ally would in all probability have been exposed to, had he not been rescued in the manner we have described.

As foon as the Nabob arrived in the camp, major Lawrence began his march, and in order to avoid the enemy's cavalry fruck into the thick woods, which skirt the plain of Tritchinopoly to the fouth: the approach of the army seemed to determine the king of Tanjore to surnish the affistance they were coming to demand; and not to give him any unnecessary umbrage by proceeding abruptly to his capital, the Major resolved to halt for some time at a distance, and encamped at Conandercoil, a town in the woods half-way between Tritchinopoly and Tanjore; where, at the expiration of ten days, he received advice from Mr. Palk, who had been deputed to the king, that he had prevailed upon him to declare openly, and that orders were given to Monac-gee the general to assemble the Tanjorine troops. On which the English army proceeded to Tanjore, where it was determined to remain until they were joined by the reinforcement expected from Fort St. David.

Of all the Nabob's cavalry, no more than fifty accompanied him, the rest remained encamped under the walls of Tritchinopoly, and a few days after the departure of the English army went in a body, and informed captain Dalton that they intended to go over to the enemy, with whom they had made their terms, desiring at the same time rhat he would not fire upon them as they were marching off. This, as he was very glad to get rid of such a dangerous incumbrance, he readily promised, and they went away unmolested at noon-day.

The enemy, having now no other immediate object, gave their whole attention to blocade the city, which they were in a condition to effect without much difficulty; for their superiority in Europeans deterred the garrison from venturing without the walls to interrupt their night patroles, as was their custom when they had only the Mysoreans and Morattoes to encounter. However captain Dalton took the precaution of undermining in a dark night the posts of Warriore and Weycondah, to the west of the city; the defences of Warriore were ruined, but the explosion failed at Weycondah.

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The late supplies of provisious being entirely reserved for the use of the garrifon, the inhabitants were left to provide for themselves, and rice was now fold in the market for half a crown the measure, about an English quart, which was sisteen times dearer than the common price; and fire-wood was scarcely to be procured at any rate. This feareity foon obliged them to quit their habitations, and in less than a month this spacious city, which had formerly contained 400,000 persons, was lest almost desolate; for the military people who remained in it, foldiers and artificers of all denominations, did not exceed 2000 men; of these the Nabob's Peons, as being capable of no other fervice than to give an alarm, were posted between the outward and inward wall; their number was about 1000; the Senoys, 600, were stationed round the ramparts, and the Europeans, about 200, were appointed, some to guard the gates, whilft the rest lay on their arms every night, in readiness to march to any quarter where the alarm might be given,

Vigilance supplied as much as possible the defect of numbers; nevertheless it was visible that the city, thus fleuderly garrifoned, would run great rifque if the enemy attempted a vigorous affault by night; nor were they entirely without such intentions; for the French prepared scaling ladders, and often sent parties to found the depth of the ditch; but these were always discovered and beaten off before they could accomplish their defign. In the mean time Mr. Dupleix strenuoully importuned Mr. Brenier, who had fucceeded Mr. Aftrue in the command, to attempt an escalade at all events, and suggested to him a method of getting the information he wanted by fending one De Cattans an intelligent officer, as a deferter, into the town: the man was promifed the command of a company, and thirty thousand rupees; for which he not only undertook to find out the proper fpot where they found place their fealing ladders, but also to maintain a correspondence with the French prisoners, who were to break loose, and feize the arms of the guard, and attack the quarters of the English whilst the assault was made on the walls. He was admitted into the city, and faid that he came to offer his fervice to the English, being difgusted by an unjust centure, which had been cast on his conduct in the late battle at the golden rock : an over-ftrained affectation

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of frankness in his behaviour gave captain Dalton some suspicions, 17.53. and two spies were set to watch his actions, who at different times discovered him measuring the calibre of the guns, taking a survey of the works, and fathoming the height of the wall with a lead and line, after which he threw notes through the windows to the French prisoners. There was in the garrifon a French foldier whose fidelity to the English might be depended on; this man engaged to detect his countryman still more effectually, and suffered himself to be chastized in his fight by captain Dalton for some pretended neglect; after which he affected such a resentment for this treatment, that De Cattans gave him his entire confidence, offering him a great reward if he would assist in the execution of his plan. The soldier said he was not made for great enterprises, but offered to defert the first night he should be on guard at the barrier, and to carry a letter, provided De-Cattans would affure him of pardon for having deferted from the French. This the other readily agreed to, and gave him a pardon in form-figured with his name, to which he added the title " of plenipotentiary of the marquis Dupleix." At the same time he delivered: to him a letter for Mr. Brenier, which contained a full and exact description of the defences of the place, and some commendations: on his own address in deceiving the English commandant, whom hedescribed as a very young man, that placed more considence in him: than any of his own officers. The foldier carried the letter to captain Dalton, who immediately caused De Cattans to-be arrested; at: first he denied the fact; but on seeing his own writing, defired that: he might not fuffer the difgrace of being hanged, but have the honour of being fhot by a file of musketeers. He was told that his fate: could not be decided before major Lawrence arrived; captain Dalton, however, defirous of drawing the enemy into a fnare by the same: means which they had employed against himself, promised the criminal to intercede for his pardon, provided he would write a letter to Mr. Brenier, and prevail upon him to attempt an escalade at such a part as he, captain Dalton, should dictate; this De Cattans readily agreed to; the place fixed upon was Dalton's battery, on the west fide, not far from the northern angle, as being more accessible than any other from without; but the defences and retrenchments within

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his plan into execution, and defiring him to write frequently, vain did the garrison watch several nights successively, hoping that the enemy would make the affault; but the various reports which they received of major Lawrence's arrival, kept them in such a continual buffle and alarm, that they could not spare a night for the execution of this enterprize, notwithflanding they appeared convinced of its practicability.

The Myforeans finding that the explosion made at Weycondah, had done little damage, took possession of this post, and mounting two fmall pieces of cannon on the rampart, encamped 300 horse and

fome Peons under the walls; and as the garrifon of Tritchinopoly had not lately ventured into the field, those troops flept in perfect fecurity without a fingle centinel. Captain Dalton receiving intelligence of their negligence, refolted to beat up their quarters, and chufing a time when it was very dark, a party of 400 men, mostly Senoys, marched up close to the tents, and made a general discharge amongst them before they were once challenged. The Sepois got fome horses and arms, and the whole party retreated out of reach before the enemy were fufficiently rouzed to do more than fire a few

fhot at random. At length, after remaining a month closely blockaded, and obliged to be continually on their guard, the garrison received advice that the Major was approaching; he was joined by the Tanjorine army, confifting of 2000 horse, and 2000 matchlocks, under the command of Monac-gee, as also by the expected reinforcement from Fort St. David of 170 Europeans and 300 Sepoys. On the 7th of August, the army

arrived at Dalaway's choultry, fituated close to the fouthern bank of the Caveri, fix miles east of Tritchinopoly, where they were detained the next day by the falling of a heavy rain, which rendered the country between the choultry and city impassable. This obliged them to strike to the foutb-west, and the 9th in the morning they

continued their march, efcorting a convoy of feveral thoufand bullocks provided by the Nabob, and faid to be laden with provisions; figuals, Qq2

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from the top of the rock in Tritchinopoly, not only apprized them that the enemy were in motion, but likewise pointed out the dispositions they were making. Their cavalry in different parties extended from the French rock to the golden rock: at the sugar-loaf rock, as being the place where major Lawrence would first come within their reach, they kept their main body of Europeans and Sepoys, together with their artillery; and a detachment took poffession of the golden rock. The major, when arrived about a mile fouth-east of the sugar-loaf, halted, and having considered the enemy's disposition, formed and ordered his march in consequence of it. To preserve the baggage and provisions from the enemy's fire, he determined not to attempt a passage through the posts they occupied; but to march round the golden rock, whilst the convoy with the Naboba and his retinue, efcorted by the Tanjorine troops, moved on at some distance on the left flank of the Europeans and Sepoys. It was neceffary at all events to drive the enemy from the golden rock, fince: their fire from hence might greatly incommode the line of march: but as a suspicion of the major's intention to pass that way, would naturally induce them to reinforce this post, he resolved to divert their attention, by halting, and forming as if he intended to march directly, and attack their main body at the Jugar-loaf rock. This stratagem had the defired effect: monfieur Brenier, not an acute officer, recalled the greatest part of his detachment from the golden rock, and with much buftle got his troops in order, to receive the major: who inthe mean time detached the grenadiers and 800 Sepoys from the front of the line, ordering them to defile behind the convoy which still proceeded on, and to march with all possible expedition and attack the golden rock. Mr. Brenier did not perceive this motion before it was too late to prevent the effect of it; he however instantly; fent forward 1000 horse at full gallop to intercept the English party, and at the same time detached 300 Europeans to reinforce the guard? at the rock. The cavalry foon came up with the English party, and endeavoured to retard their march by caracolling and galloping about as if they intended to charge: but the grenadiers did not fuffer themfelves to be amused by these motions, and fired hotly upon them with out flackening their pace, nor made a halt until they had mounted

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the rock, drove the enemy down, and planted their colours on the top, which they accomplished before the enemy's party of infantry, marching from the fugar loat rock, had got half way : who feeing the post they were tent to remforce lost, had not the heart to make a puth to recover it; but halted, and taking thelter behind a bank, began to cannonade the grenadiers and Sepoys at the golden rock with four field pieces. By this time Mr. Brenier, with the rest of the French troops, had proceeded a little way from the tugar loaf rock, to support his advanced party; but seeing them halt, he halted likewife. So that the mam body of the English troops continued their march, and tecured the possession of the golden rock without interruption; the Taujorines foon after came up with the baggage. and were ordered to remain with it in the rear. The English artillery were now warmly employed against the cannon of the enemy's advanced party, of whom none but the artiflery men were exposed, for the reft kept close behind the bank. The English battalion was drawn up in the open plan without thelter, and in this fituation inffered confiderably, while their artiflery did little muchici to the enemy; however the shot that flew over the bank went amongst a large body of horfe who were drawn up in the rear of the advanced party, and flung them into confusion; which captain Dalton obfersing, he falled from the city with two field pieces, and the cavilry finding themselves between two fires, hurried out of reach, tome to the east, and others to the west. In the mean time several of the Enghish battalion were fireck down, and major Lawrence observing that the enemy's main body made no motion to join the advanced party, determined to make a puth, and drive these troops from the advantageous ground of which they had taken policifion. The grenadiers, with 200 more Europeans, and 300 Sepuys, were ordered to much and attack them, whilft major Lawrence remained at the golden rock with the reft ready to support them if repulfed, or if successful, to join and purfue the advantage by driving the beaten muty on the enemy's main body. The fuccels of this attempt depending in a great mediane on making the attack before the enemy's main body could move up to the fuccour of their party, the English for more expedition marched n about any field pieces; but the artiller, was not withilanding not idle!

Major Lawrence now ordered De Cattans to be hanged in fight of the enemy's advanced guards: he died with great resolution, but shewed much concern that he had endeavoured to betray captain Dalton, who had received him with so much hospitality and kindness. As the English had condescended to employ this delinquent against his own countrymen, after he was detected, his life ought to have been spared.

The enemy still remaining at Weycondah, major Lawrence made a motion towards them on the 23d, upon which they decamped in a hurry, and leaving part of their baggage, with a gun and some ammunition behind, made a disorderly retreat to Mootachellinoor, a strong post on the bank of the Caveri, which secured their communication with Seringham: the next day major Lawrence took possession of the ground they had abandoned with an intention to send forward some artillery near enough to cannonade them; but this design was unexpectedly frustrated, for the next day a reinforcement, equal to the whole of the English sorce, appeared on the bank of the Coleroon. It consisted of 3000 Morattoes, a great number of Peons, and some Topasses under the command of Morari-row, together with 400 Europeans, and 2000 Sepoys, with six guns.

Most of these Europeans arrived in the end of June from the island of Mauritius, where they had been disciplined; and Mr. Dupleix committed a great error in not fending them immediately, together with Morari-row's troops, to Tritchinopoly; more especially as the signal defeat of the French and Myforeans at the golden rock might have convinced him that they would hardly be able to prevent the English, when reinforced by the troops of Tanjore, from making their way good to the city with the convoy: but his vanity on this occasion confounded his good sense; for treating the battle of the golden rock as a trifling skirmish, and attributing the ill success of it to some pretended accidents common to the fortune of war, he seemed to disdain sending any. farther affiftance to an army which he confidently afferted could not fail to overpower their enemies in a very few days; he therefore detained this force to make conquests in the Carnatic; but the wilful disposition of Morari-row frustrated in a great measure this design: for regarding no injunctions excepting those of the Mysorean, who was afraid to give him

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him politive orders, the Morattoe traversed the province according to his own inclination, without keeping his force united, or acting in concert with the troops of Pondicherry. However Mr. Dupleix purfung his plan as well as lie was able, detached immediately after the capture of Chillambrum a large body of Sepoys, accompanied by fome Morattoes, to attack the pagoda of Verdachelum; this force was led by one Haffan Ally, who had long been commander in chief of the French Sepoys, and had diffinguished himself so much in this employment that the French king had honoured him with a gold medal in token of his fervices; this man was taken at Seringham with Mr. Law, and the English knowing his capacity kept him a close prisoner at Fort St David, from whence, however, he had lately contrived to efcape, being carried through the guards in a balket which they imagined to contrun lumber. The garrion of Verdachelium confifted only of 50 Sepoys communded by a ferjeant, who furrendered after a flight refistance, from hence Hassan Ally, joined by 50 Europeans, proceeded to I'momalee, where they found Moran-row with the greatest part of his force affishing, according to his promise, the troops of Velore, who were laying close fiege to the place. The army of the befiegers now amounted to 6000 cayalty, 5000 Sepoys, and 100 Europeans, including the 50 which Mortiz-ally kept in his own pay. The garrison, 1500 men, commanded by Barkatoola, a faithful fervant to the Nabob, and a gallant officer, defended themselves with much bravery, making frequent fallies, and in one they furprized and beat up the quarters of the Morattoes, killing many of their horses : this loss, the most sensible that the Morattoes can seel, determined Morari-row to look out for eafier conquests, and leaving the Phoufdar's troops to continue the fiege as they could, he marched away, with an intention to lay fiege to Palam Cotah, a fort in the neighbourhood of Chillambrum Here he was joined by a party of 350 Europeans, who endeavoured to prevail on him to tharch with them and attack the English settlement of Devi Cotah, but Morari-row, apprehensive of the loss he might fuffer in this attempt, refused to accompany them. On this difference they feparated, the French marching towards the woods of Wariore pollam, in hopes of levying contribution from the Polygar, and the Morattoe to Trinomalee. Here, a few days after

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his arrival, he received letters from the regent informing him of his diffress, since his convoys from Mysore began to be intercepted, and defiring him in the most pressing terms to move immediately to Seringham with his whole force; and Mr. Dupleix informing him at the same time that he intended to send all the Europeans he could bring into the field, the Moratoe, calling in all his stragglers, hurried back to Chillambrum, which was appointed the place of general rendezvous; from hence the whole reinforcement proceeded by very expeditious marches to Tritchinopoly, in sight of which they arrived on the 24th of August.

Their appearance at so critical a conjuncture did not fail to raise the enemy's spirits, who testified their joy by firing salutes and exhibiting fireworks for three days successively, at the same time making the neceffary preparations for coming to the plains again; whilft the English and their alies faw themselves under the necessity of taking their meafures to act again on the defensive, under the same disadvantages to which they had been constantly subject, excepting in the short interval' fince the last defeat of the enemy: but even in this interval they had not been able to get more provisions than sufficed for the daily consumption; for as their force was not sufficient to spare considerable escorts. at a distance for the time necessary to collect large supplies, what they received came daily in small quantities, about 100 bullock loads at a time, which indeed had lately joined the camp without much difficulty.. But it was evident that the enemy's detachments would not fcour the plain again as usual: the Major therefore, to diminish the risk of his convoys coming from the eastward, quitted the neighbourhood of Weycondah as foon as their reinforcement appeared, and encamped onthe fame ground which he had formerly occupied a little to the northof the Facquire's Tope. The enemy three days after quitted Mootachellinoor, and encamped at the five rocks, where their army covered a great extent of ground, for they had likewife been reinforced from Myfore. From the great fuperiority of their numbers, the Major expected that they would attack him in his camp, and ordered his men tofleep on their arms; but they contented themselves with following their former plan of intercepting the convoys. And the very next. day, the 28th, near 3000 horse, Morattoes and Mysoreans, attacked an.

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efcort of 100 Europeans with great vigour; but the men, accustomed to fuch encounters, preferved themselves and the convoy by not parting with their fire, although the enemy rode feveral times to the very bayonets.

The prefidency of Madrafs hearing of the reinforcement which Mr. Dupleix had fent to Seringham, determined to strengthen their own army with all the men that could be spared for the field, and sent them in one of the company's thips to Devi Cotah; and the Major, in order to facilitate the junction of these troops, as well as to protect his convoys, determined to encamp farther to the castward; and sending off his baggage in the night, marched at day break the first of September over the plain in full view of the enemy, and pitched his camp at a little distance to the south-east of the French rock. This ground was well chosen, for the right flank was protected by some pieces of artillery mounted on the rock, which were flanked by the cannon of the city. The front of the camp was for the most part secured by a morals, and the rear by fwamps and rice fields. The Tanjorines were exceedingly delighted with the fecurity in which they here found themfelves, for they had before began to droop with apprehensions of having their quarters beat up by the Morattoes; and Monac-gee exerting all his influenceamongst his countrymen, prevailed on the merchants who dealt in rice, to bring frequent supplies of grain, although in small quantities. The enemy's fcouts gave them fuch good intelligence of the approach of the convoys that few escaped unattacked, but being constantly supported by detachments of Europeans, they made their way good to the camp; not indeed without fome lofs, face it was impossible in the tumult to prevent the bullocks and cooleys from flinging down their loads and taking flight. However, what arrived was fufficient for the daily wants, but so little more, that if two or three convoys had been cut off. the army would have been obliged to have had recourse to the small flock which was laid up in the city. The enemy, as if determined to reduce them to this diffrefs, moved from the five rocks, and encamped at the fugar loaf, extending from hence to the golden rock. the regent and Morari-row having intelligence of the reinforcement of which the English were in expectation, preflingly intreated the French to attack their camp before those troops arrived; but Mr. Rra Aftruc

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Astruc declined the attempt, and contented himself with waiting for less hazardous opportunities of diminishing their force: at length the English reinforcement arrived on the 19th of September, at Kelli Cotah, a fort 15 miles east of the city: and never perhaps had two armies remained 18 days in so extraordinary a situation, both encamped on the open plain without a bush-on it, at about two miles distance from each other, fo that with their glasses they could see one another fitting at dinner in their tents; and a cannon shot from the advanced posts might easily reach the opposite camp: but as the swamps in the rear of both the camps did not permit either to move farther back, both refrained from commencing a cannonade; the English defired nothing more than to keep their battalion unimpaired until the arrival of their reinforcement; but for this very reason the French ought to have taken all opportunities of diminishing their number. Major Lawrence now apprehending nothing fo much, as that the enemy might fend a large detachment to intercept his reinforcement, determined if poffible to divert their attention by cannonading their camp; and the day in which the troops were ordered to march from Kelli Cotah, an eighteen pounder, fent from the city, was mounted about half a mile fouth-west of the French rock, on the bank of the water-course that interfects the plain, and early in the morning the 16th of September, it began to fire smartly; every shot was seen to strike amongst the tents of the French battalion, who after having bore the infult patiently for two hours, detached their three companies of grenadiers with a large body of their allies; horse and foot, to attack the party posted with the eighteen pounder; upon which motion the Major immediately threw a reinforcement into the water course of 250 Europeans, 800 Sepoys, and three field pieces under the command of captain Charles. Campbell, who defended it so well that the enemy were obliged to defift from their attempt, and retreat to their camp, not without a confiderable loss; for they had bore for some time a smart cannonade from five pieces of cannon upon the fouth-west cavalier of the city, as well as from the artillery at the watercourfe. This repulse, seconded by a continuance of the fire from the 18 pounder, either deterred or diverted them during the rest of the day from giving attention to the reinforcement, who having continued their march without molestation, joined

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joined the camp in the evening. The whole confifted of 237 Europeans, with the captains Ridge and Calliaud, lately arrived from Europe, and 300 Sepoys. The junction of thefe troops infipired the army with as much joy as the doubtful expectation of their arrival had caused anxiety and folicitude; and to retaliate on the enemy the fame marks of evultation which they had lately employed on a like occasion, the tidings were announced to them by a discharge of all the artillery in the camp and city.

There being now no more reinforcements to expect, and the vicinity of the enemy having greatly augmented the difficulties of getting provisions and fuel, major Lawrence, as foon as the troops just arrived were refreshed, determined to bring on a general battle, which if the enemy declined he resolved to attack them in their camp.

The tents and baggage were fent at night to remain under cover of the artillery of the city; from whence at the same time 100 Europeans, all who could be spared from the garrison, marched out and joined the army. Every thing being prepared, major Lawrence quitted the ground near the French rock, and at day break, the 20th of Sentember, the army appeared at the Faequire's Tope, and remained for fome hours drawn up, offering the enemy battle; but they shewing no inclination to accept the defiance, the Major fent for his tents again, and encamped on the fpot on which he was drawn up, refolying to attack their camp the next day: as the fuccefs of this hardy enterprize depended greatly on preventing the enemy from entertaining any fuspicion of his intention, he cannonaded their camp, with an eighteen pounder, at different intervals during the rest of the day; hoping to make them believe that he purposed nothing more than to harrass and incommode them. At night the tents were struck, and fent back again towards the city, and the whole army was ordered, after taking their rest in the open field, to be under arms at four in the morning.

The enemy's camp extended on each fide of the fugar-loaf rock, but much farther to the well than to the eaft: most of the Morattoes were encamped on the east, the French quarters were close to the west of the rock, and beyond these the Mysocans extended almost as far as the golden rock, occupying the ground for a considerable way behind the two rocks. The rear of the camp was covered with

thickets and rocky ground. The French had flung up an intrenchment in front of their own quarters, and intended to have continued it along the left flank, facing the west; but on this side had only finished a small part, separated about 300 yards from the western extremity of their intrenchment in front, which interval was left open without defences: the Morattoes had likewife flung up an intrenchment in their front to the east of the sugar-loaf: at the golden rock, which commanded the left flank and the front of the ground on which the Myforeans were encamped, the French had stationed an advanced guard of 100 Europeans, two companies of Topasses, and 600 Sepoys, with two pieces of cannon, under the command of a partizan of some reputation. Major Lawrence being apprized of these dispositions, projected his attack to take the utmost advantage of them. At the hour appointed the army quitted the Facquire's Tope, and marched in profound filence towards the golden rock: the battalion confifting of 600 men formed the van in three equal divisions; the first was composed of the grenadier company of 100 men commanded by captain Kilpatrick, the picket of 40, by captain Calliaud, and two platoons, each of 30 men, under the command of captain Charles Campbell: the artillery, fix field pieces, with 100 artillery men, were divided on the flanks of each division: 2000 Sepoys, in two lines, followed the Europeans. the Tanjorine cavalry were ordered to extend to the eastward, and to march even with the last line of Sepoys. The moon had hitherto been very bright; but a sudden cloud now obscured it so much, that the first division of the battalion came within pistol shot of the golden rock before they were discovered; and giving a very smart fire, mounted it in three places at once, whilst the enemy, who had barely time to fnatch up their arms, hurried down after making one irregular discharge, and ran away to the camp with fuch precipitation, that they left their two field pieces, ready loaded with grape, undischarged. Animated by this success, the men called out with one voice to be led on to the grand camp, and the Major availing himself of their alacrity, remained no longer at the rock than was necessary to break the carriages of the enemy's guns, and to form his troops again. Their disposition was now changed, the three divisions of Europeans were ordered to march, as near as they could,

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could, in one line in front through the camp of the Myforeaus, in order to fall at once upon the left flank of the French quarters: the Sepays were divided on each flank of the battalion, but at fome diftance in the rear. Had the camp, like those in Europe, been covered with tents, it would have been impossible to have penetrated through it in this order; but in an Indian army none but the men of rank can afford the expense of a tent, and the rest shelter themselves as they can in cabbins made of mats, fo flight that they may be pushed down by the hand. The Tanjorine cavalry, intermixed with matchlocks and peons, had halted during the attack of the golden rock, onthe plain nearly opposite to the front of the French intrenchment, and they were now instructed to move directly up to it, in order to create what confusion they could with their fire arms and tockets. The battalion received the orders for continuing the march with loud huzza's, and the whole proceeded with the greatest confidence, as to a victory of which they were fure; the drums of the three divisions beating the grenadiers murch, the gunners with their portfires lighted on the flanks, and the Sepoys founding with no little energy all their various instruments of military music. This did not a little contribute to augment the consternation which the fugitives from the rock had. spread amongst the Mysoreans, who were already taking slight, when the English entered their camp. The Europeans marched with fixed bayonets, and recovered arms, but the Sepoys kept up a fmart fire upon the fwarms that were taking flight on all fides. The French difcovered by the fugitives which way the attack would fall, and drew up to oppose it, facing the west; the left of their battalion was behind the finished but detached part of their intrenchment on this fide; and the rest extended towards the intrenchment they had thrown up in front of their camp; which their line, however did not reach by 100 yards; but a bank running at this distance parallel to that intrenchment, ferved to defend the right flank of their battalion: in this polition they derived no advantage from that part of their works on which they had most depended. To the left of their battalion was a body of 2000 Sepoys, who inclined to the left, intending to gain the flank of the English battalion, and the same number were designed to form their right wing; but thefe, by fome militake, in this scene of hurry

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hurry and confusion, posted themselves on the sugar-loaf rock. The English troops advancing were prevented by the interruptions which they met with in the Myfore camp from keeping up in a line; fo that the first division had outmarched the second, and the second the third; however as foon as they came nigh the enemy, whom they discovered by the portfires of their guns, the hindermost quickened their pace; but nevertheless the whole line was not completely formed before they came within twenty yards of the enemy, by which time the Sepoys to the right had advanced from the rear, in order to oppose those on the enemy's left: the artillery in the hurry could not keep up with the battalion. The French artillery had for some time fired with great vivacity, but most of the shot flew too high, and killed several of the flying Mysoreans. The action commenced just as the day began to dawn: Mr. Astruc, with indefatigable activity prevailed on his men to wait and receive the English fire before they gave theirs: amongst those who suffered in this onset was captain Kilpatrick, who commanded the division on the right; he fell desperately wounded; upon which captain Calliaud put himself at the head of the grenadiers, and took the command of the whole division; the French Sepoys on the left scarcely stood the first fire of the right wing of the English Sepoys, but took flight: which captain Calliaud perceiving, he wheeled instantly round with his division, and gaining the left flank of the intrenchment, behind which the left of the French battalion was posted, poured in a close fire upon them; and the grenadiers pushing on with their bayonets, drove them crowding upon their center: the whole line was already falling into confusion, when a well-levelled discharge from the center and left of the English battalion in front compleated the route, and they ran away in great disorder to gain the other side of the bank on their right, where Mr. Astruc endeavoured to rally them: but the grenadiers purfuing them closely, renewed the attack with their bayonets, and put them again to flight: every man now provided for his own fafety, without any regard to order, running towards the golden rock, as this way was the only outlet not obstructed; but as soon as they got to some distance on the plain they dispersed and took various routes. The left wing of the English Scapoys had hitherto taken no share in the engagement, for by keeping

keeping too much to the left of the battalion, they came to the outfide of the French intrenchment, on the ground to which the Tanjorines were ordered to advance; however, as foon as they perceived the French battalion in confusion, they pushed on to the sugar-loaf rock, and with much resolution attacked and dispersed the body of the enemy's Sepoys posted there, who from the beginning of the action had employed themselves in firing random shot indiscriminately upon friends and foes. The victory was now decided, and the English troops drew up on the French parade. A body of Morattoes were the only part of the Indian army which made any motions to draw off the attention of the English during the engagement; they seeing one of the field pieces left with a few men at a distance behind the reft, galloped up, and cutting down the men, got possession of it; but perceiving the battle loft, they did not venture to carry it off; nevertheless they did not immediately quit the camp, where they were foon after joined by feveral other bodies of cavalry, encouraged by their example: but the English artillery in a few rounds obliged them to retire again, and they followed the rest of the sugitives, who were retreating towards Seringham by the pass of Mootachillinoor. It was fome hours before the whole got into the island, for the throng confifted of 30,000 men of all forts on foot, and 16,000 horse, besides a great number of oxen, camels, and elephants. The Tanjorines were ordered to fet out in pursuit of the French troops, who were taking flight, dispersed on all fides over the plain; but they could not be prevailed on to quit the spoil of the camp, which they were very bufy in plundering.

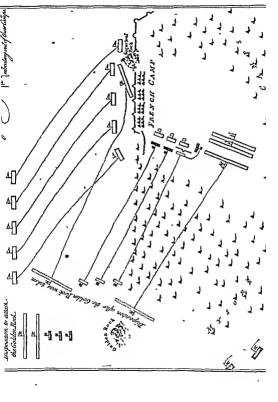
The tents, baggage, and ammunition of the French camp, together with eleven pieces of cannon, one an eighteen pounder, were taken: 100 of their battalion were citber killed or wounded, and near 100 more, amongst whom was Mr. Astruc, with ten officers, were made prisoners: several were afterwards knocked on the head by the people of Tondiman's woods, 65 were taken straggling in the Tanjore country; and a detachment of Sepoys, fent out by captain Dalton from the city, brought in 21 of those who were making their way to the island by the pass of Chucklypolam: fo that the whole of their loss wastat least 300 Europeans, with their best officer; for fuch undoubtedly

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This action was decided entirely by the musketry; for the English artillery were not brought into the engagement; and the French cannon were ill pointed, and irrefolutely ferved, even before the conflict became hot and general; after which the event could not remain long in suspence between two bodies of men, whose dead fell within 20 yards of each other. There are few instances of a victory in which the fagacity and spirit of the general, as well as the resolution of the troops, are more to be admired. The French themselves confessed that they had no fuspicion of the intentions to attack them; nor did chance interfere to substract from the merit of this success: for major Lawrence, before he quitted his camp at the French rock, had predicted most of the events which concurred to produce it. Nabob's standard was now planted in the enemy's camp; and the English flag, displayed on the top of the sugar-loaf rock, proclaimed the triumph of their arms to the country feveral miles round.

The Tanjorines, elated to excefs, although they had contributed nothing more than their appearance in the field to gain the victory, proposed, immediately after the battle, to follow the enemy, and befiege them in Seringham; but major Lawrence paying no attention to this rhodomontade, moved with the army in the evening to lay fiege to Weycondah.

This place, now a fort, was originally nothing more than a pagoda and choultry, fituated at the top of a rock about 30 feet high. The rock was afterwards inclosed by a square stone wall, carried up as high as the top of the rock itself, and built thick enough to afford a rampart about five feet in breadth, besides a slender parapet, which has loop-holes to fire through: on the western side is a gateway, of which the top communicates with the rampart on either hand: the enemy's garrifon confifted chiefly of Sepoys. A watercourse served instead of a trench to shelter the English troops; who having cut embrasures through the bank about 400 yards from the wall, battered it with two eighteen pounders, and at the same time threw shells from a mortar and two cohorns. By the next evening the wall was



beaten down, within 12 feet of the ground. Early the next morning fome of the garrifon endeavoured to make their escape, through a fally-port on the north, to a large body of horfe, who were waiting at a distance to receive them, these sugitives were discovered by some of the English Sepors on the right, who immediately ran to prevent any more from getting out; and at the same time 600 other Sepoys, who were under arms in the watercourfe, fet out of their own accord, without well knowing what was the matter, and ran directly to the breach, regardless of the commands of their officers, who affured them that it was not yet practicable; but nothing could frop the tumult; they made feveral meffectual attempts to mount the breach, notwithstanding they were warmly fired upon by the enemy from above. At length, finding it impracticable to fucceed this way, they all ran to the gate, which some endeavoured to sorce, whilst others fired up, to drive the defenders from the ramparts: but this attempt likewife proving ineffectual, a resolute Englishman, serjeant to a company of Sepoys, mounted on the shoulders of one of them, and getting hold of some of the earted work of the gateway, elambered up to the top; and those below handing up to him the colours of his company, he planted them fingly on the parapet: here he was foon joined by about 20 of his company, who followed his example; and whilft forne of thefe were engaged with the enemy, others went down on the infide of the rampart, and opened the gate. Those without instantly rushed in like a torrent; which the enemy perceiving, they burried down from the rampurt, and ran up the steps, to gain the choultry and pagoda at the top of the rock; but the English Sepoys followed them to closely, that they had not time to make any dispositions to defend themselves there before they were attacked at the push of bayouet: in the first fury several were killed, but the rest, about 400, slinging down their arms and calling for quarter, were spared.

From We couldn't the army removed, and encamped at the French Rock, where the now abounded in as much plents as they had hitherto fuffered diffred; for none of the enemy's parties ventured on the plain, and the country people, no longer terrified by the apprehension of lofing their noies, brought in provisions in such abundance, that rice, which three days before was fold at four measures for the rupee.

now fold at fixteen; and at this rate a stock was laid in sufficient to supply the garrison for six months at sull allowance. Captain Dalton seeing this object of the general sollicitude provided for, and the city in all other respects out of danger, quitted the command of Tritchinopoly, and some time after returned to Europe.

The approach of the rainy monfoon in the middle of October .made it necessary to carry the troops into cantonment: the city itself would certainly have afforded them the best shelter: but the stock of provisions laid up for the use of the garrison would from have been confurred by the addition of fuch a number of mouths: and as little danger was to be apprehended from any attempts which the enemy might make during the absence of the army, provided the garrison were commonly vigilant, major Lawrence preferred to remove to Coiladdy, on the frontiers of Tanjore, from whence the wants of the army might constantly be supplied, without the necessity of fatiguing the troops by employing them to efcort convoys. Four hundred-Sepoys and the fick of the battalion, with 150 Europeans, were fent into Tritchinopoly, to augment the garrifon; a detachment was left to defend Elimiferum; and the rest of the English troops marched on the 23d of October to their winter quarters: they were accompanied by the Nabob, with the few troops he commanded; but the Tanjorines quitted them, and proceeded to their capital, in order to be present at the celebration of a great festival which falls out at this time of the year. It was with great reluctance that major Lawrence faw them depart, judging from experience, that nothing but the last necessity would induce the king to fend them back, notwithstanding that he promifed, with much feeming complacence, that they should. take the field, and rejoin the Nabob, as foon as the monfoon was past.

During these transactions to the south of the Coleroon, the English arms had likewise gained some successes in the Carnatic. The retreat of Morari-row from before Trinomalee increased the courage of the garrison, who signalized themselves so much by frequent and vigorous sallies, that the presidency of Madrass determined to send a reinforcement to their affistance; and 500 Sepoys detached from the garrison of Arcot, arrived in the middle of September in sight of the place: but sinding all the avenues blockaded, they concerted measures

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measures with the governor, Berkatoola, to savour their junction, by making a general sally, on a certain quarter of the enemy's camp, which the Sepois promised to uttack at the same time in the rear. This plan was executed with so much vigour, that notwithstanding the enemy took the alarm time enough to bring the greatest part of their troops into action, they were entirely defeated the general of the Velore troops being killed on the spot, and Hussanilly, the commander of the French Sepois, taken prisoner mortally wounded. This loss of their commanders struck the army with so much construction, that they immediately raised the sege

In the same month the presidency were much alarmed by the attempts of Mahomed Comaul, the most considerable of the adventurers, who in these times of confusion set up the standard of independency. This man commanded a body of horse at the siege of Arcot, and after the army of Raja faheb was dispersed by the battle of Covrepauk, kept together his own troops, and immediately levied contributions not only fufficient to attach them to his fervice, but also to engage others to inlult under his banner however, alarmed by the fate of Chunda-faheb at Seringham, he judiciously determined to remove out of the reach of danger into the country of Neloor, the north-east part of the Nabob's dominions, not doubting that its diftance both from Accot and Madrais would enable him to establish himfelf in those districts he succeeded even beyond his expectation, for he found means to jurprize the crintal of Neloor itself, from whence he obliged Nazeabulla, the governor, to fice to Arcot The English and the Nabob had so many enemies to fight, and so few troops to fend into the field, that they could frare none to check the enterprizes of Mahomed Comaul, who having enjoyed the fruits of his fucceffes without interruption for a year, extended his views, and prepared to attack the pagoda of Tripetti This temple, one of the most famous in the Decau, is situated on the top of a mountain, about fifty miles north-east of Arcot The feast of the god to whom it is dedicated is annually celebrated in the month of September, and the offerings made by the concourse of pilgrims who airive from all parts to affift at it, amount to fo great a fum, that the Bramins, befide what they referve to themselves, pay the government an annual

revenue of 60,000 pagodas, or 24,000 pounds sterling. This revenue the Nabob affigned over to the English as a reimbursement in part of the great expences they had incurred in the war; and as neither the Bramins nor the pilgrims are follicitous to whom this money is paid, provided the feast goes on without interruption, it was the intention of Mahomed Comaul to get possession of the pagoda before the feast began. The presidency of Madrass, alarmed for the safety of a place in which the company was fo much interested, sent a detachment of forty Europeans, two companies of Sepoys, and three pieces of cannon, with orders to march and defend the pagoda: they were to be joined on the road by Nazeabulla, the Nabob's brother, at the head of a large body of troops, but these not coming up in time, the detachment proceeded without them. When arrived near Tripetti they were unexpectedly furrounded by the whole of Mahomed Comaul's force, 5000 men, horse and foot; the detachment had just time to take shelter in a neighbouring village, where the enemy immediately attacked them, and although constantly repulsed, they did not defift from their attempts before the night fet in; when the detachment having lost several of their Europeans, and expended all their ammunition, retreated; the next day they were joined by Nazeabulla Cawn's army, with whom the day afterwards they proceeded again towards Tripetti. Mahomed Comaul met them on the plain, and the action began by a cannonade, which having created fome confusion amongst the enemy, ensign Holt, who commanded the English detachment, marched up with his Europeans and Sepoys to improve the advantage; but before they came near enough to give their fire, a shot from a wall-piece killed ensign Holt. However the men, not disconcerted by this accident, pushed on under the com-. mand of their next officer, enfign Ogilby, and attacked the enemy with great vivacity, who were already wavering, when a lucky shot, from one of the field pieces killed the elephant of Mahomed Comaul. His army seeing the standard of their general fall to the ground, as usual took flight, and with so much precipitation, that before he had time to mount a horse, they left him at the mercy of his enemies. He was taken prisoner and carried to Nazeabulla Cawn, by whose order he was instantly beheaded. His death removed the most dangerous disturber

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disturber of the Nabob's government in this part of the country, for he was a very brave and active man there were several other chiefs of less consequence, who were constantly making inroads into the districts of Ponomalee, Chinglapett, and Areot, and gave frequent employment to the garritions of these places, but they always retreated as soon as they heard that a detachment of Luropeans was marching against them

I he enemy at Seringham feemed fo little inclinable to take advantage of the absence of the Linglish troops cantoned at Coiladdy. that they did not even fend parties on the plant to prevent the coun try people from some daily with provisions to the market in Tritchinopoly where the carrifon were as well tupplied and lived in as much tranquillity as if both fides had agreed in form to a ceffation of hostilities the enemy, however, convinced that the Linglish would never have attempted to attack their camp at the fular loaf rock it they had not been joined by the cavalry of lanjore, determined to leave no means untried to deprive them of this refource in future Accordingly the regent gave Succo-gee, the king's minifler and favourite, a fum of money more confiderable than the first bribe, and Mr Dupleix fent a letter penned in the Milabar Iniguage by his wife, in which he threatened the king, that if he dared to give the Nabob and the English any more affidance, the Morattoes should lay wafte his country with fire and fword, and that if this should not be sufficient to terrify him into a neutrality, he would bring down the Soubah Salabad jing, with his whole army, from Golconda The effect of these practices, both on the king and his minister, was soon visible, for Succo-gee taking advantage of the timorous and fulnicious character of his mafter, prevailed on him to remove the general Monae gee from the command of the army, by representing him is a man in such close connexion with the Lighth, that he might probably, from a rehance on their friendflip, be induced to form projects dangerous even to the king himfelf, who, alarmed at the fame time by the menaces of Dupleix, determined to preferve his country by breaking the promife he hal made to the Nabob and major Lawrence, to fend his troops to Coiladdy as foon as the runs were over Having brought him thus far, the next step was to make him join the enemy, this likewife.

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likewise Succo-gee undertook to effect, and the king it is said was on the point of signing the treaty, when a sudden and unexpected event stopped his hand.

In the beginning of November the French at Seringham received a reinforcement of 300 Europeans, 200 Topasses, and 1000 Sepoys, with some cannon; but instead of giving any signs that they had recovered their spirits by this increase of their strength, they determined to remain quiet until major Lawrence should be ready to quit Coiladdy, in hopes that the garrison of Tritchinopoly would be lulled into security by seeing them remain inactive so long after the arrival of their reinforcement, and entertain no suspicion of the design they were meditating, when the time should come for carrying it into execution.

This design was nothing less than to storm the city of Tritchinopoly in the night by furprize. The part which the French chose to make the affault upon was Dalton's battery, on the west side, near the north-west angle of the town, the same indicated by the letter which captain Dalton had prevailed on the spy De Cattans to write to the French commander Mr. Brenier; it had formerly been a part of one of the four gateways to this city. The entrance into an Indian fortification is through a large and complicated pile of building, projecting in the form of a paralelogram from the main rampart; and if the city has two walls, it projects beyond them both: this building confifts of feveral continued terraffes which are of the same height as the main rampart and communicate with it: the inward walls of these terrasses form the sides of an intricate passage, about twenty feet broad, which leads by various fhort turnings at right angles through the whole pile, to the principal gate that stands in the main rampart: for fome space on each hand of Dalton's battery, the interval between the outward and inward wall of the city was much broader than any where elfe. Captain Dalton, when intrusted with the command of the garrison, had converted that part of the gateway which projected beyond the outward wall into a folid battery, with embrafures; leaving the part between the two walls as it stood with its windings and terraffes: an interval was likewise left between the backfide of the battery, and the terrafs nearest to it, which lay parallel to each other; so that an enemy who had gained the battery could not get to the terrass

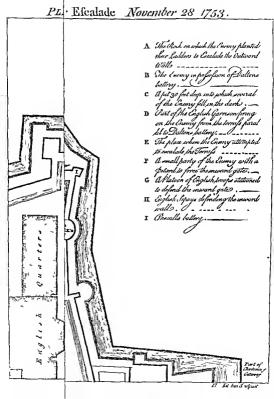
rafs without descending into the interjacent area, and then mounting the wall of the terrafs with fealing ladders the buttery, however, communicated with the rampart of the outward wall of the city, but being, as that was, only eighteen feet high, it was commanded by the terralfes behind it, as well as by the rampart of the inner wall, both of which were thirty feet high. Upon one of the inward cavaliers, fouth of the gateway, were planted two pieces of cannon, to plunge into the battery, and fcour the interval between the two walls, as far as the terraffes of the gateway, and two other pieces mounted in the north-west angle of the inward rampurt, commanded in like manner both the battery and the interval to the north of the terraffes The French were, by De Cattan's letter, and by deferters, apprized of all thefe particulars, and notwithstanding the many difficulties they would have to furmount in attempting to force their way into the town through this part of the fortifications. they preferred it to any other, because it was more accessible from without, for a rock level with the water almost choaked up the ditch in front of the battery

On the 27th of November, at night, the greatest part of the enemy's army croffed the river the Myforcans and Morattoes were distributed in different parties round the city, with orders to approach to the counterfearp of the ditch, and divert the attention of the garrifon during the principal and real attack, which was referred for the French troops Of this body 600 Luropeans were appointed to escalade, whilft Mr Mussin, the commander, with the rest of the battalion, 200 men, and a large body of Sepoys, waited at the edge of the ditch, ready to follow the first party as foon as they should get into the town At three in the morning the first party ciossed the rock in the ditch, and planting their fealing ladders, all of them mounted the battery without raising the least alarm in the garrison for although the guard appointed for the battery confifted of fifty Sepoys, with their officers, and fome European guiners, who were all present and alert when the rounds passed at midnight, most of, them were now abfent, and they who remained on the battery were fast affeep, these the French killed, with their bayonets, intending Τť not

3· ~ not to fire until they were fired upon: but this resolution was immediately after frustrated by an unforeseen accident; for some of them attempting to get to a flight counterwall which lines the backfide of the battery, fell into a deep pit, which had been left in the body of the battery itself, contiguous to that wall: none but the most tried foldiers can refrain from firing upon any unexpected alarm in the night, and upon the screaming of those who were tumbling into the hole, feveral muskets were discharged. The French now concluding that they were discovered, imagined they might intimidate the garrison by shewing how far they were already successful, and turning two of the twelve pounders upon the battery against the town, discharged them together with a volley of small arms, their drums beating, and their foldiers shouting their usual military cry, "vive le roy." Fortunately the main guard, the barracks of the garrison, and the quarters of the officers were in the north part of the town, not more than 400 yards from the battery. Captain Kilpatrick, who commanded, remained so ill of the wounds he had received in the last engagement, that he was unable to remove from his bed; lieutenant Harrison, the next in command, came to him upon the alarm to receive his orders, which he gave with the usual calmness that distinguished his character on all occasions, directing lieutenant Harrison to march instantly with the picquet, referve, and the Sepoys who were not already posted, to the place where the attack was made, and to order the rest of the garrison to repair to their respective alarm posts, with injunctions not to stir from them upon pain of death. The enemy having drawn up their scaling ladders into the battery, sent two parties down from it into the interval between the two walls: one of these parties carrying two petards, and conducted by a deserter, entered the passage which led through the terrasses, intending to get into the town by blowing open the gate which stands in the inward rampart: the other party carried the ladders, and were appointed to escalade; whilst the main body remained upon the battery, keeping up a constant fire upon the terrasses, and upon the inward ram-part. But by this time the alarm was taken, and the cannon from each hand began to fire fmartly into the interval between the two walls, and upon the battery. Lieutenant Harrison, with the main guard,

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guard, was likewife arrived upon the rampart, from whence the greatest part of them passed to the terralles. The musketry of the affailants and defenders were now employed with great vivacity against each other, but with some uncertainty, having no other light to direct their aim except the frequent flathes of fire; not with flanding the hurry and confolion, lieutenant Harrison had the prefence of mind to station a platoon upon the rampart, directly above the gate, ordering them to Leep a conflant fire upon the paffage immediately below, whether they faw any thing or not: nothing could be more sensible or fortunate than his precaution; for the platoon killed, without feeing them, the man who was to apply the first petard, as well as the deserter who conducted him, and both of them fell within ten vards of the gate. Those appointed to escalade, fixed their ladders on the fouth fide of the terraffes, and a drummer, followed by an officer, had aiready mounted to the top, when a party of Sepoys came to this fration, who killed the drummer, wounded and feized the officer, and then overturning the fealing ladders overfet the men who were upon them: the ladders broke with the fall, and the affailants called for more; but were disappointed; for the rest which had been brought were shattered and rendered utelefs by the grape-shot fired from the two pieces of cannon planted upon the cavalier: it was foon after found that the man who was to manage the second petard was killed. Thus defeated in all their expectations they determined to retreat, and went up to the battery again, where the whole now refolved to make their escape; but this for the want of their ladders was no longer practicable, except by leaping down eighteen feet perpendicular, either upon the rock or into the water. Desperate as this attempt appeared near one hundred made the experiment; but what they fuffered deterred the reft from following their example, who, in despair, torned, and recommenced their fire from the battery upon the defenders, Lieutenant Harrison, with the greatest part of his Europeans, were affembled upon the terrais nearest the battery, and the two bodies, separated only by an interval of twenty feet, kept up a finart fire upon each other as fast as they could load: but the defenders had the advantage of firing under the cover of parapets from a fituation twelve feet higher than the enemy opon the battery, who were totally exposed from head to foot,



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who had promifed the segent to make a more successful attack upon the city; but finding the garrison alert they retreated without attempting any thing.

The king of Tanjore, who, notwithstanding the alliance he was entering into with the French, knew nothing of their intentions to form Tritchinopoly, was not a little aftonished at the news, and the loss which they sustained in the attempt made him repent that he had shown so much inclination to abandon the Nabob and the English: the French finding that their misfortune produced a change in the intentions which the king had began to entertain in their favour, determined to waste no more time in negociating with him, but prepared to fend a party of Alorattoes to ravage his country. The king having intelligence of their defign fent a body of troops under the command of his uncle Gauderow to Tricatopoly, a fort eighteen miles east of Tritchinopoly, where they were ordered to remain and punish the Morattoes: for this phrase, in the vain language of the princes of Indostan, is synonimous to fighting, and is not feldom made use of even by those who lose the battle. The king making a merit of this refolution to the Nabob, pretended that Gauderow only waited on the frontiers until the whole army was affembled, which would then immediately march to Tritchmopoly. Major Lawrence, willing to put the fincerity of this profession to the test, wrote to the king that his troops would be of little fervice whill they were commanded by fo unexperienced an officer as Gauderow, and defired that Monac-gee might be reinstated in the command, of which he was the only man in the kingdom capable. This commendation ferved to confirm those fuspicions of the general which had been raifed in the king's mind by the artifices of his minuter; and major Lawrence being informed of the alarm which the king bad taken from his remonstrances in Monac-gee's favour, refolved to make no farther mention of his name. left the confequences should be fatal to him : but requested that the Tanjorine troops might join him without delay, even under the command of Gauderow. None however came: for the Morattoes have ing fent a finall party to amufe Gauderow, their main body of 1200 men penetrated into the kingdom at the end of December by another

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road, and as they had threatened began to lay the country waste with fire and sword.

This was the first motion which any of the enemy's parties had made since the assault of Tritchinopoly: in the mean time several convoys were escorted from Tricatopoly to the English camp.

In the Carnatic the districts which acknowledged the Nabob had received no molestation from his enemies fince the defeat of Mahomed Comaul at Tripetti, which happened in the month of September. The troops which Mr. Dupleix was able to fend into the field from Pondicherry had lately been employed in befieging Palam Cotah, the fame fort which they had refused to reduce for Morari-row. This place, with the circumjacent territory, is the only part in the Carnatic which does not depend on the Nabob of Arcot; it belongs to the Nabob of Cudapah. Examples of fuch fequestrations occur in every province of the Mogul empire, which amongst the rest of its feudal institutions allots to every Nubob a certain revenue arising from the product of lands, for his private expences: but as the basis of the Mogul government confifts in regulations which deprive all its officers of any pretentions to real estates, and in obliging them to acknowledge that they hold nothing by any other title than the fayour of the fovereign; the lands thus allotted to a Nabob are rarely fituated in the province governed by himfelf, but are generally chosen in the most distant part of one of the neighbouring provinces; so that in this institution the Mogul's authority over all his officers appears in its utmost majesty; since the inhabitants of a province sce the Nabob appointed to rule them, excluded from the right of ap-, propriating to himself any part of the territory over which his jurisdiction, notwithstanding, extends. Hence likewise a perpetual source of disputes is established between the Nabobs of neighbouring provinces, who never fail to give one another reason to complain of violence committed in these sequestered lands. The Nabob of Cudapah applied to the prefidency of Madrass to assist the governor of Palam Cotah, on which they ordered a detachment of thirty Europeans, and two hundred Sepoys, to march from Devi Cotah and relieve the place. The detachment did not take the field before the

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enemy had made a practicable breach which they intended to fform the next day: but licutenant Frazer having concerted measures with the governor, contrived to introduce his party that very night, and the enemy at day-break hearing English drums beating in the place, suspected what had happened, and immediately raised the siege.

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friend, had perfuaded Sallabadjing to appoint him Duan, or Vizier; but as foon as Seid Laskar Khan found himself well-established in this post, he threw off the mask, and on all occasions contradicted. the inclinations of his prince, whenever he thought they were dictated by the influences of Mr. Buffy; and now more than ever, when he faw the extent of his demands for the French nation. It happened that in the beginning of the year 1753, a few days after the peace with Ragogee, Mr. Buffy fell dangeroufly ill at Calberga, and although his constitution surmounted the sirst attacks of his distemper,. he remained much enfeebled; and his physician being convinced, that his recovery depended on a total relief from those continual and anxious occupations, to which Mr. Buffy could not refuse himself, whilst he remained either in the camp, or court of Sallabadjing, he advised him immediately to retire, and to fequester himself from all business at Masulipatnam, until he should be perfectly recovered. Accordingly, Mr. Buffy departed from the camp in January, but left all the French. troops and Sepoys with Sallabadjing, who foon after his departure proceeded without interruption to Hyderabad. The officer who now commanded the French troops, had neither experience, nor capacity fufficient to penetrate and counteract the intrigues of a faction in a Moorish court; and the Duan resolved, during Mr. Buffy's absence, to break the union between these too powerful auxiliaries and his fovereign. This was no easy task; for Mr. Busty had persuaded Sallabadjing, a prince deficient both in personal courage and sagacity,. that the French battalion were not only the principal support of his. government against foreign enemies; but also the best security of his: person and authority against intestine plots and commotions. The Duan therefore found it necessary to accustom him by degrees to the absence of these favourite troops: it was equally necessary to prevent them from entertaining any suspicion of this design, for they were too -formidable to be removed abruptly; Mr. Buffy having joined to the battalion of Europeans, a body of 5000 Sepoys, paid by himself and · acting entirely under his own orders. The Duan therefore neglected for some time-to furnish the pay of the French army at the usual periods, pretending that several considerable districts at a distance from Hyderabad,

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Hyderabad, had failed in the payment of their revenues to the treasury; and when the French officers, as he expected, complained loudly of their own diffresses, be told them that he knew no other method of fatisfying their demands, unless by fending them to collect the revenues of the Souhah from those who withheld them: this proposal they very readily accepted, expecting, from the cuftom of Indoftan, that they should receive considerable presents, besides the sums which they were charged to levy. Still it would have been difficult to have obtained Sallabadjing's confent for their departure, had not their own misconduct convinced him that it was necessary for the peace of the city: where, fince Mr. Buffy's departure, the discipline to which he had accustomed them was so much relaxed, that they daily committed diforders, for which, the perfons aggricved, were continually demanding juffice at the gates of the palacc.

As foon as the Duan had thus removed and separated the greatest part of the French troops, into feveral different parts of the country, he invented fome pretext to perfuade Sallabadjing, that it was neceffary he should return without delay to Aurengabad; and even prevailed upon him, to permit no more than a small detachment of their Europeans and Seposs to accompany him. He then inftructed the governor of Golcondah, to furnish no pay to those who remained in the city, and to diffress them by every other means, excepting open hostilities; and the same orders were given in the countries, to which the feveral detachments had been fent to collect their arrears. This treatment, so different from what the French had hitherto received, he thought would lead them, of their own accord, to ask their difmission from a service, in which they should find that nothing more was to be got.

Accordingly, the foldiers and Sepoys disappointed of their pay, hegan to clamour and defert; but the French officers flood firm to their duty, and contributed their own money to appeale their troops, This refource, however, was very inadequate to the necessity, and the danger encreasing every day, they wrote to Mr. Buffy, that his immediate return to Hyderabad, was the only means left to fave the national affairs in the Decan. Mr. Buffy, not being yet recovered Uu2

from his illness, hesitated; but was soon after determined by a peremptory letter from Mr. Dupleix, threatening to make him responfible for the confequences of his absence from the important command with which the nation had intrusted him with such unlimited confidence. He left Masulipatnam about the end of June, having previously fent orders to all the detachments stationed abroad, to be at Hyderabad, about the time that he expected to arrive there himfelf. He arrived on the 23d of July, and found all his troops affem-· bled in the city; they were 500 Europeans and 4000 Sepoys. This force, and his own presence, imposed respect upon the governor, and all the other officers of Sallabadjing's administration. They immediately confented to furnish some money in part of the arrears, which the Duan had withheld with fo much artifice, and Mr. Buffy out of his own flock, and by his credit with the bankers, procured more, which all together was fufficient to appeale the troops; whom, nevertheless, in the first days after his arrival, he had with much difficulty been able to restrain from open tumult and violence in the city: But although the present distress was removed, yet no provision was made for the future; and from the late practices, every obstacle was still to be expected from the disposition of the Duan, who, at this very time, refused to furnish the pay, and subsistance of the small detachment which had accompanied Sallabadjing to Aurengabad. Mr. Buffy faw the only remedy; and determined to proceed with his whole force to that city, as foon as the rains should cease, which, in that part of the Decan, continue from the beginning of July to the end. of September. The march from Golcondah to Aurengabad is at least 300 miles: nevertheless, he found means from his own resources to make the necessary preparations, and left Golcondah in the beginning of October.

Notwithstanding the evil disposition of Seid Laskar Khan, and his adherents, Mr. Bussy had several friends, who were men of importance in the court of Aurengabad; Sallabadjing himself was at this time very much in debt to his own army, and moreover, in apprehensions of another rupture with Ragogee the Morattoe; so that the boldness of Mr. Bussy's resolution, in marching uncalled for to Aurengabad,

'rengabad, created no little perplexity in the councils of the Soubah. and more in the mind of his minuster, who even deliberated with himfelf, whether he should not take refuge in the impregnable fortrefs of Doltabad, about eight miles from Aurengabad; he however judged better, and tried negotiation, making many excuses and apologies, proffering to furrender the feals of his office, and requesting that Mr. Buffy would confer them upon some other person. Mr. Buffy penetrated the artifice of this feeming humility, which was practifed by the Duan, only because he knew that Mr. Bussy would not rifque the obloquy and reproach of baying moved him from his office, as the preparatory means of obtaining the ambitious demands of his own nation from Sallabadiing. Both therefore were equally willing to treat, and an able agent, in whom both had equal confidence, foon adjusted the terms of reconciliation. The ceremonials of the first interviews, both with Seid Laskar Khan and Sallabading, were dictated by Mr. Buffy, and agreed to by them.

Every thing being settled, the French army advanced on the 23d of November from the ground where they had halted feveral days, waiting for the conclusion of the terms of reconciliation. About eight miles from Aurengabad, they were met by Seid Lafkar Khan; accompanied by twenty-one other lords of distinction, all riding in the fame line on their elephants, attended by their respective guards and retinues, and furrounded by a great number of spectators. When near, the elephant of Scid Lafkar Khan bowed first; on which all the other lords difmounted likewife, as did Mr. Buffy, who embraced first Seid Laskar Khan, and then the other lords. All then mounted again, and proceeded in military order towards the Soubah, who waited for them, accompanied by a great number of troops, in a tent, pitched at fome diftance from this interview. He embraced Mr. Buffy at the entrance of the tent, and was faluted by the French artillery. When feated within, Mr. Buffy made his offerings, which confifted of feveral elephants, fome horfes, and jewels; all his officers likewife presented gold rupees. After which Sallabadjing arose and came out of the tent, holding Mr. Bully by the hand, who affilted him to mount his elephant, and then mounted his own, as did all the lords.

The procession was now magnificent and immense, consisting of a great army, all the nobles, and most of the inhabitants of one of the first cities in Indostan. The pomp, when arrived at the palace, was faluted by numerous and repeated discharges of cannon. As soon as the court was ranged, Sallabadjing made prefents to Mr. Buffy, of the same kind and value as he had just before received from him, and then difmiffed the affembly. Mr. Buffy then proceeded to the house of Seid Laskar Khan, who confirmed and swore to the executing the terms which Mr. Buffy had infifted upon. They were, that " the provinces of Mustaphanagar, Elore, Rajamundrum, and Chi-"cacole, should be given for the support of the French army; and "that the patents should be delivered in three days: that the sums " which Jaffer ali Khan, at that time governor of those provinces, " might have collected before Mr. Buffy should be able to fettle the 4 administration of them, should be made good from the Soubah's 66 treasury, in case Jasser ali Khan bimself should delay, or evade the 66 payment of them: that the French troops should, as before the feparation, have the guard of the Soubah's person: that he should "not interfere in any manner in the affairs of the province of Ar-"cot; and that all other affairs in general, should be conducted 4 with the concurrence of Mr. Buffy. In return, Mr. Buffy fivore " to support and befriend Seid Laskar Khan in his office of Duan." The patents for the four provinces were prepared without delay, and delivered to Mr. Buffy, who fent them immediately to Mr. Moracin, the French chief at Masulipatnam, with instructions to take possession.

These acquisitions added to Masulipatnam, and the province of Condavir, made the French masters of the sea-coast of Coromandel and Orixa, in an uninterrupted line of 600 miles from Medapilly to the pagoda of Jagernaut. These countries are bounded by a vast chain of mountains, which run nearly in the same direction as the sea-coast, and are in most places about eighty or unnety miles distant from it, although in some few not more than thirty. They are covered with impenetrable forests of bamboes, and in their whole extent there are no more than three or sour passes, which according to Mr. Busy's account,

account, may be defended by 100 men against an army. The province of Condavir extends between the river Kristna and Gondegama, which gains the fea at Medapilly; the limits of the other four provinces are not exactly afcertained; nevertheless it appears that Mustaphanagar joins to the north of Condavir; that Elore lays to the northwest of Mustaphanagar; that Rajamundrum is bounded to the fouth of these two provinces; and that Chicacole, much the largest of the four, extends 250 miles from the river Godaveri to the pagoda of Jagernaut. The revenues of the four provinces were computed at 3,100,000 rupees; of Condavir, at 680,000, and the dependencies of Majulipatnam were to much improved that they produced this year 507,000; in all 4,287,000 rupces, equal to more than 535,000 pounds sterling: all these rents, excepting those of Masulipatnam, and its dependencies, which feemed already to have been carried to the height, might be greatly improved. So that these territories rendered the French mafters of the greatest dominion, both in extent and value, that had ever been possessed in Indostan by Europeans, not excepting the Portugueze, when at the height of their prosperity. Nor were commercial advantages wanting to enhance the value of . these acquisitions, for the manufactures of cloth proper for the European markets are made in this part of the Decan, of much better fabric, and at much cheaper rates than in the Carnatic: in Rajahmundrum are large forests of teak trees, and it is the only part of the coast of Coromandel and Orixa that surnishes this wood, which is equal in every respect to oak; Chicacole abounds in rice and other grain, of which great quantities are exported every year to the Carnatic. Although it was intended that the French fhould not hold thefe countries, any longer than they maintained the stipulated number of troops in the Soubah's fervice, yet it is evident that he could not have given them an establishment in any part of his dominions, from which it would be so difficult to expel them, in case they neglected to fulfil their obligation: for, defended on one hand by the chain of mountains, and having on the other all the refources of the fea open, they might, with a few precautions, defy the united force of the Decan. This the Duan, Seid Lafkar Khan knew, and dreaded fo much.

that he had offered Mr. Buffy a much larger tract of country, in the

inland parts of the Soubahship, provided he would desist from demanding these provinces.

Mr. Buffy passed the remainder of the year 1753, at Aurengabad, employed in regulating the discipline of his troops, in providing means for their pay and subsistance, and in making preparations to act in concert with the army of Sallabadjing, against the Morattoe Ragogee Bonsola.

Upon the death of Ghazi-o-din Khan, the emperor, Hamed Schah conferred the office of captain-general of the army upon Sche-abeddin, the son of Ghazi-o-din Khan, although at that time a youth, not more than 16 years of age; but a diligent education, and very uncommon natural talents, with the constant advice of the preceptor of his infancy, enabled him to conduct himfelf in this great office, not only without folly, or indecision, but with so much artifice and boldness, as soon convinced all the omrahs of the court, that he was much. more to be dreaded than despised; and indeed, he never rejected any crime which promoted the end he intended to accomplish. For some time his uncle Sallabadjing, remained in apprehensions that he would march into the Decan, to revenge his father's death; but he had at that time taken so great a part in the distracted affairs of Delhi, that he had neither leifure or opportunity to interfere so far from the We shall defer to give any account of these events, until the consequences of them come to affect or influence the English affairs in another part of Indostan.

The English themselves could not refrain from admiring the sagacity of Mr. Dupleix's conduct, which, by making the war in the Carnatic subservient to his views on the northern provinces, had by degrees led his nation to the great establishments of which they were now in possession. At the same time they had the fatisfaction to know that these successes of their enemies could not be imputed to any defects in their own conduct; for so far from having a force sufficient to make head against the French, in two parts of the country so distant from each other as Golcondah and Tritchinopoly; their whole force collected was always much inferior to what the French were able to oppose to them in the southern parts of the Decan; where nothing but efforts of valour, scarcely

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to be paralleled, had carried them through the two wars of Chundafaheb and the Myforeans. It was equally fortunate for the nat on, that chance should have placed during these arduous times, a man of much fagacity, indefatigable application, and a perfeverance equal to Dupleix's, at the head of the prefidency; such was Mr Saunders, who came to the government a little before the death of Nazirjing; and, convinced by that event of the ambitious schemes of Mr. Dupleix, determined to oppose them to the utmost of his strength, notwithstanding he had no instructions from the company to engage in hollilities; and notwithstanding the two nations were at peace in Europe, he had with the same spirit continued the war, never discouraged by adverse turns, nor dreading the event of desperate attempts when necessary to retrieve them. The two governors had during the whole course of hostilities carried on a sharp and acute controverfy by letters; and Mr. Dupleix, who had even before the event happened, perfuaded himfelf that Mr. Buffy would obtain the northern provinces, had, towards the end of the year 1753, affected to shew an inclination to terminate the war in the Carnatic, and in the beginning of the year 1754, confented to treat in form. When it was agreed that a conference should be held in the town of Sadrafs, belonging to the Dutch, on the road between Madrais and Pondicherry.

The deputies, on the fide of the English, were Mr. Palk and Mr. Vansittart on the French, the father Lavaur, superior of the French Teforts in India; Mr. Kirjean, nephew to Mr. Duplers; and Mr. Bauffet, u member of the council of Pondicherry They met on the ad of January; the two governors superintending and directing their proceedings by letters, which were no more than twelve hours in coming from Pondicherry, and only fix from Madrais The English deputies opened the conference by propoling as the balis of the negociation, that Mahomed-ally should be reknowledged Nabob of the Carmtic, with the fame authority as had ever been poffefied by any former Nabob; and that the king of Tanjore should be guaranteed in the peaceable possession of his kingdom. The French then produced their ideas of a basis, and the whole of their terms together: their basis implied the acknowledgment of Salabad-jung as Soubah of Χx the

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the Decan, and the immediate release of the French prisoners taken: during the war: the English, in return for their acquiescence to these two articles, were to be exempted from the ground rent of Madrass. a small fine formerly paid to the government of Arcot'; they were tokeep possession of the country of Ponomalee; and some establishment was to be made for Mahomed-ally after his difference with the Myforean concerning Tritchinopoly was conciliated. It was impossibleto have made proposals more directly-opposite; for by acknowledging Salabad-jing without restrictions, the French would become arbiters. of the fate of the English in the Carnatic, as they would of the French, if Mahomed-ally was acknowledged: fo that each fide required of the other to give up every thing before they had well begun to treat of any thing. However the business did not stop, and the French deputies produced feven patents, which they called their authorities for interfering as they had done, in the affairs of the Mogul government, and for making the prefent demands: two of these were patents from Murzafa-jing; one appointing Mr. Dupleix commander in all the countries from the river Kristna to the sea; the other, Chunda-saheb governor of the Carnatic: four were from Salabad-jing; two confirming the two foregoing; another giving the countries of Arcot and Tritchinopoly to Mr. Dupleix after the death of Chunda-saheb; the other appointing Mortiz-ally of Velore, lieutenant under Mr. Dupleix. in these countries: the seventh and last piece, which the French called. the most authentic, was a letter from the Great Mogul, confirming all: that Salabad-jing had done in favour of Mr. Dupleix and his allies... The French deputies then asked what titles the English had to produce; who replied that they confifted of patents from Nazir-jing, Gazi-o-din Khan, and the Great Mogul, appointing Mahomed-ally Nabob of the Carnatic: here again was a flat contradiction, and of fuch a nature as could not be adjusted without fending the deputiesto Delhi. The French, notwithstanding, infisted that the titles should be examined; and being told that the Nabob's were at Tritchinopoly, defired that they might be immediately fent for; nevertheless they in the mean time delivered copies of their own to be scrutinized by the English deputies. But Mr. Saunders, convinced that this examination. would multiply discussions, without removing any of the suspicions and

and objections which prevailed with both fides on the validity of the advertary's titles, came clufe to the point, and ordered his deputies to propose that the English and French should be put in possession of lands of equal value in fuch different parts of the province as might prevent future disputes; that the commerce of the two companies in the Carnitic should be established on equal terms of advantage, that fecurity thould be given to the Myforeans for fuch a fum of money as upon an equitable adjustment of their account inight appear to be due to them; that a pension should be assigned to Raja-saheb, the son of Chunda-faheb; and that the French prisoners should be released; provided Mr. Dupleix would acknowledge Mahomed-ally Nabob of the Carnatic. These proposals left the French superior by the whole of their possessions to the northward, which were of much greater value than what the English would have been content to take, subject to an equality with them in the Carnatic a moderation which would have been inconfiftent with the continual fuccess of the English arms, if the expences of the war had not already greatly huit the commercial interests of the East-India company, restrained, by their chaiter, from enlarging their capital. The acknowledgment of Mahomed-ally appeared the only difficulty in Mr. Saunders's propofal; but even this : might be removed by the English acknowledging Salibad-jing, on condition that he would confirm Mahomed-ally in the Nabobship; and that the French would likewife agree to concur equally with the English in supporting this prince in his government. But Mr. Dupleix was so intoxicated by his connexions with Salabad-jing, and his notions of his own authority in the Carnatic, that he rejected Mr. Saunders's proposal with disdain. It was now no longer possible to mistake his views, or to doubt that he had any other intention than to leave the English in possession of a fortieth part of the territories dependent on Arcot, on condition that they would tamely fuffer him to keep and govern all the rest with absolute sovereignty. Big with these ideas, he ordered his deputies to must strenuously on the validity of his titles. and whilft they were explaining the various events, which had led their nation to the acquifition of fuch important prerogatives. the English deputies discovered that the Mogul's letter to Mr. Dupleix wanted the usual signature, which is a feal engraved with his

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name and titles, and stamped with ink at the head of the patent. They likewife observed that the feal impressed on the wax which had fecured the cover of the letter, appeared by the date to be thirty-three years old, and confequently belonged to a former emperor. Thefe defects naturally gave them many fuspicions, which were much confirmed, when, on defiring an explanation from the French deputies, they immediately recalled all their papers, giving for a reason, that they would not submit them to any further examination before the Nabob's patents were produced. This in reality was no reason at all; they, however, confulted Mr. Dupleix on the objections made to the Mogul's letter, who replied, that the piece he had delivered to them was, only a duplicate, to which the writer in the fecretary's office at Delhi, might have thought it needless to affix the seal of signature, and that with the same negligence the first seal which came to hand might have been taken up by him to feal the cover; but that the original brought by the Mogul's officer deputed from Delhi, had the feal of fignature affixed to it, which was dated in the first year of the reign of the late emperor Hamed Schah; and that the letter itself was dated in the fifth year of his reign, the same in which it was received. It now became necessary to examine the original, and to enquire whether it was the custom in the secretary's office at Delhi to pay fo little attention to duplicates; but Mr. Saunders, and the English deputies, thought that what they had already seen and heard was a fufficient proof that the copy was a forgery, and concluded the same of the original, and the rest of the French papers: the French deputies nevertheless persisted to defend the authenticity of them; and least the abrupt manner in which they had withdrawn them from farther examination should be interpreted as a proof that they themselves knew their pieces could not stand the test, they now gave another reason for this part of their conduct, alledging that they had recalled them only for fear copies should be taken in order to direct Mahomed-ally in making out those patents he had promised to produce. This blundering apology exposed their cause more than any remarks which their adversaries had hitherto made; for it was a tacit acknowledgment, that they themselves were convinced of the poffibility of forging patents with fo much dexterity that the artifice



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were inclosed in an island from which they could not get out again before the waters subsided. Whilst they were waiting for this at the head of the island, Monac-gee marched and encamped to the eastward of them, near a pass which he knew would be fordable sooner than any other part of the two arms by which they were enclosed; and the infant that the waters were sufficiently fallen, crossed over, and coming upon them by furprize, attacked them in the angle of the island, where it was so narrow that his troops extended from one arm to the other in their front. The Morattoes, thus pent up, feeing no other means to escape but by cutting their way through the Tanjorines, exerted themselves with their usual bravery, augmented by despair: but on the other hand, the Tanjorines were inflamed by the defire of revenging the injuries their country had fuffered from these cruel freebooters, and Monac-gee, fensible that the continuance of his master's uncertain favour would depend on the fuccess of this day, animated his troops, who loved him, by his own example; fighting in the thickest throng with the utmost intrepidity. Valour on both sides being thus equal, the superiority of numbers decided the victory: :800 of the Morattoes were killed, and most of the rest were wounded and taken prisoners. To deter them from invading his country in future, Monac-gee ordered all the dead bodies to be hanged upon trees; and all the prisoners, not excepting those who were wounded, to be impaled alive in fight of the high roads. Having difgraced his victory by this cruelty, he returned with the horses of the slain in triumph to Tanjore. The English hoped that this success would induce the king to fend his troops to join them; and the victorious general expected that the fervice he had rendered would confirm him in his mafter's favour: but both were disappointed; for the envy of the minister Succo-gee increasing with the merit of his rival, he persuaded the king that there was no longer any necessity to be at the expence of keeping his troops in pay, fince the fevere blow which the Morattoes had received, would doubtless deter them from making another incursion into his country. The king therefore, after complimenting Monac-gee on his fuccess, told him there was no farther occasion for his service, and disbanded his army.

The number of French prifoners in Tritchinopoly, obliged major Lawrence to augment the garrifon to 300 Luropeans, and 1500 Sepoys, 150 of the battalion likewife remained fick in the holpital, for that the whole force with which he kept the field was no more than 600 Europeans, including the artillery men, and 1800 Sepoys, the French battalion, reinforced in December with 200 men, was now equal to the English, and they had moreover four companies of Topasses, each of 100 men, distinct from their battalion, they had also 6000 Sepoys, and the Myforcans and Morattoes remained as before, with little alteration in their numbers. Notwithstanding this superiority, the enemy did not venture to quit the island and encamp to the south of the Caveri.

The plain of Tritchinopoly having been so long the feat of war, fcarce a tree was left standing for leveral miles round the city, and the Linglish detachments were obliged to much five or fix miles to get firewood Their provisions came chiefly from the Ta pore country, but the merchants would not venture nearer than Tricatapoly, a fort eighteen miles east of Tritchmopoly, from whence, when a fufficient quantity was collected, they were efforted to the eamp, What came from Tondiman's country was brought at appointed times to the fkirts of his woods, within fix or feven miles of the ening. The detachments fent on these services were soldom less than 150 Europeans, and 500 Seposs, a force which the enemy's cavalry, unfupported by Europeans, were always afraid to attack, and feven convoys were fafely efforted from the bazinning of January to the middle of February, at which time a convoy was in read nels, much larger than any of the former, for it confilted of a great quantity of military flores, as well as provisions, the curringe of which required no lefs than 3000 oven the efcort was therefore made ftronger than usual, being composed of the grenadics company of 100 men, 80 other Europeans, 800 Sepoys, and four pieces of cannon, this force, although more than one third of the army, was feareely adequate to the convoy, and, what was still more unfortunate, the command of the party fell, by the rotation of military duty, to an officer of little experience. and less ability - however, as the enemy had lately exerted themselves

fo little, little danger was apprehended; and it was imagined that a party of Tanjorine horse which lay encamped at Cootaparah, five miles north-east of Elimiserum, would join the escort upon any emergency: but thefe, whether inadvertently, or from a malicious design of avoiding the fervice expected from them, quitted their post the 12th of February, the very day that the efcort marched; which, however, arrived without interruption at Tricatapoly in the evening, from whence they fet out with the convoy the next day, and gained Kelli Cotah, where they passed the night: this fort is situated about five miles to the east of Cootaparah, and the road between these two places lies through the skirts of Tondiman's woods. The enemy at Seringham receiving intelligence that the party were returning, determined to meet them with a sufficient force; 12000 horse, Morattoes and Myforeans, 6000 Sepoys, 400 Europeans, with feven pieces of cannon, croffed the river in the night, and posted themselves a little to the east of Cootaparah. . The convoy continuing their march at day-break the 15th, advanced two miles from Kelli Cotah without any fuspicion of danger; when they discovered at a distance several bodies of cavalry moving on all fides amongst the thickets and underwood. The commanding officer nevertheless made no change in his disposition, which happened to be the very worst that could have been imagined; for he had distributed the troops in small bodies along each side of the line of bullocks and carts, and even in the front and rear kept no more than a .fingle platoon. The Morattoes were commanded by Morari-row and Innis Khan, who foon discovered the weakness of this order of march, and refolved to take advantage of it without waiting for the French On a fudden, all the different bodies of cavalry, which furrounded the convoy, fet up a shout in concert, and galloping up at full speed charged every part of the line almost in the same instant; some pushing on to the intervals which separated the different platoons, and then falling on their flanks, whilft others attacked them in front. The onset was so sudden and impetuous, that sew of the English troops had time to give more than a fingle discharge, after which, what refistance they made, was all pell-mell, and in confusion, every man trusting only to himself, and resolving to sell his life as dear as possible. Moft

Most of the Sepoys flung down their arms and fled at the beginning of the onfet. The bullocks, terrified by the turnult, increased it by puthing on all fides to get away, fometimes against the enemy, foncetimes upon the efcort. The fight however continued until the French troops came up, who obliging the Morattoes, much against their will, to theathe their fwords, offered quarter, which was accepted: 138 foldiers were made prisoners, and of these 100 were wounded, so were killed on the fpot : of eight officers five were killed, and the other three were wounded; amongst them the commanding officer, mortally. Lieutenant Revel, the fame who ferved at the defence of Arcot, commanded the artillery in this action: this brave man feeing the day loft, and the enemy on the point of getting possession of the cannon, futfered himfelf to be cut down without making refiffance, rather than quit the work in which he was employed, of spiking up one of the field pieces. The garrifon of Elimiferum, as foon as they heard the firing, marched to fecure the village of Cootanarah, that the convoy might take post in it: but all was lost before they arrived there.

. This was by far the feverest blow which the English troops had fuffered during the course of the war; it took off one third of the battalion; but what rendered the misfortune irreparable, was the lofs of that gallant company of grenadiers, whose courage on every occasion we have seen deciding the victory, and who may be faid. without exaggeration, to have rendered more fervice than the fame number of troops belonging to any nation in any part of the world. The whole convoy, provisions, military stores, and 7000 pounds in money, fell into the enemy's hands, who returned with their booty and their prisoners to the island. They soon after set the Sepoys at liberty, who returned to the English camp; and they permitted the two furviving English officers to depart on their parole, which was taken in the name of Sallabadiing.

The prefidency of Madrass, as soon as they heard of this missortune, fent a detachment of 180 men, under the command of captain Pigou, to Devi Cottah, by fea; and about the fame time hopes were entertained of reinforcing the army with a body of cavalry, which had lately arrived at Arcot, under the command of Maphuze Khan, Υy

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the Nabob's elder brother. This man, taken prisoner when his father was killed at the battle of Ambour, was carried by Chundasaheb. to Pondicherry, where he remained until Nazir-jing came into the province, when Mr. Dupleix, at the request of this prince, released. him. On Nazir-jing's death he seemed inclinable to follow the fortunes of Murzafa-jing, with whom he went out of the Carnatic; but after his death retired to Cudapah, where he had remained until hetook it into his head to come back to the Carnatic with 2000 horse,. and as many Peans, to ferve, as he faid, the Nabob his brother. Henevertheless on his arrival at Arcot declared he could proceed no farther without receiving a fum of money to fatisfy his troops: this his. brother Abdul-wahab promifed to fupply, upon which it was expected; that he would march immediately to Tritchinopoly. The experience of the late disaster convinced major Lawrence, that the party at Devi-Cottah was not strong enough to march to the camp, and dreading. to leave the city exposed to another affault, by moving to join them, he ordered them to wait at Devi Cottah, until Maphuze Khan cameup, and determined in the mean time to maintain his ground on the plain, notwithstanding he had only 400 Europeans in the sield. The fmallness of this number rendered it impossible to bring provisions from fuch a distance as the Tanjore country, and indeed the king, not doubting but that the late defeat of the efcort would oblige the English to retire from Tritchinopoly, discouraged his merchants from fupplying them any longer. Tondiman's country therefore remained the only resource, a party of 300 Sepoys were detached, with orders to collect them in Killanore, a village in the woods, about twelve miles from the city. The detachments of Europeans employed to efcort them were not permitted to move farther than five miles from the camp, at which distance they halted, and fent forward a detachment of Sepoys, who met the provisions, escorted by the party of Sepoys from Killanore, at the skirts of the wood, and returned with them from thence to the post where the Europeans were halting. In this Tervice they were much affifted by the activity and vigilance of Mahomed Issoof, an excellent partizan, whose merit had raised him from a captain of a company, to be commander in chief of all the Sepoys in the English service, into which he first inlisted under captain



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tain Clive, a little before the battle of Covrepauk. he was a brave and refolute man, but cool and wary in action, and capable of ftratagem: he constantly procured intelligence of the enemy's motions, and having a perfect knowledge of the country, planned the marches of the convoys fo well, that by conflantly changing the roads, and the times of bringing the provisions out of the woods, not one of them was intercepted for three months. The enemy, however, getting intelligence that the magazines were kej t at Killanore, fent, in the end of March, a party to attack that place; but they were repulfed by the Sepoys stationed there. About the same time the regent detached 1000 horse, and 1000 Sepoys, with some pieces of cannon, to his own country, which the Morattoe Balagerow had entered, and was plundering but foon after he received a reinforcement of 2000 Morattoes, under the command of Morari-row's brother, which more than compensated the draught he had made from his army. even this reinforcement did not tempt the enemy to quit the island, and encamp on the plain, although it was evident that this measure would inevitably oblige the English either to retire or bring on a general action. In the mean time the English eamp, although not distressed for previsions, had little hopes of receiving any remforcements to enable them to frand their ground if the enemy should take this step; for the detachment at Devi Cottah could not prudently move until they were joined by Maphuze Khan, who cavilling with his brother about the pay of his troops, had got no firther than Conjeveram, and shewed no inclination to proceed from thence before his demands were fatisfied. Major Lawrence therefore, as the only resource, represented to the presidency the necessity of endervouring to recover the Ling of Tanjore to the Nabob's interest, and Mr. Palk, who had during his former refidence at Tanjore, made himself acceptable to the king, was fent thither again in the middle of April. He now found the king difficult of access, and more than ever under the influence of his minister Succo-gee, who was carrying on a treaty with the Myforeans, and had prevailed on his mafter to imprison Monac-gee, under pretence that he had not accounted regularly for the momes which had been iffued for the expences of the army. The representations made by Mr. Palk, p evented the Y y 2

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king from concluding the treaty with the Mysoreans, but did not induce him to send his troops to Tritchinopoly. In these circumstances, which the enemy's generals, if indued with common sagacity or activity, might soon have rendered desperate, it was discovered that the army had for some time been exposed to the danger of treachery from a person in whom, by the nature of his office, major Lawrence had been obliged to repose the utmost considence.

One day in the beginning of April, a Bramin informed the fervant of captain Kilpatrick, that as he was washing himself that morning at the river side, some of the enemy's Colleries crossed the river, and gave a parcel to some Colleries belonging to the English camp, whom. he heard, although indistinctly, faying fomething about a letter, and. Mahomed Isloof the commander of the Sepoys; he added, that heknew the men who had taken the parcel, and defired affiftance to The Colleries were immediately taken up, and one feize them. of them, without hesitation, delivered a woollen parcel, containing a letter directed to Mahomed Isloof, which captain Kilpatrick. immediately carried to the major, in whose presence it was opened,. and interpreted by Poniapah, the principal linguist. It was from the regent of Mysore, sealed with his seal of signature, and on the backwas stamped the print of a hand, a form equivalent with the Mysoreans to an oath. The letter defired Mahomed Isloof, and another officer of Sepoys, 10 meet, according to their promife, some persons who were to be deputed by the regent, with powers to adjust the. time and manner of betraying the city of Tritchinopoly; in reward for which fervice the regent promised, if the plot succeeded, to give Mahomed Isloof a fum of money equal to 160,000 pounds sterling, a confiderable command in his army, with fome lands; he agreed likewise to reward, in the manner that Mahomed Isloof should recommend, such friends as he might employ in the enterprize. this Mahomed Isloof, the other officer of Sepoys mentioned in the letter, the Bramin who gave the information, and the Colleries he had accused, were imprisoned; and captain Kilpatrick, with captain Caillaud, were appointed to examine them. The Bramin was a writer to the commissary of the army, and had lately been confined upon a **fulpicion**

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fuspicion of having embezzled fome money, he persisted in his story, but the Colleries faid, that the parcel was first discovered by them lying on fome fleps, near the place where they were washing, and that all mg one mother what it might be, they concluded it was fomething belonging to a person who had washed there in the morning, or to the Bramin himfelf who was then washing very near them fo they agreed not to touch it, and went away, but one less scrupulous than the rest, in hopes that it might contain something of value, returned and took it up Mahomed Isloof, and the other Sepoy of-Feer, declared they knew nothing of the matter Pompah the linguist interpreted the depositions, and give it as his opinion, that the Bramm knew more of the letter than he had discovered The next day the prisoners were examined a ain, when the Bramin was affured that his life should be spared if he would reveal the truth upon which he declared, that the day before he recufed the Colleries, he went to Seringham, in confequence of a mellage from the regent of Viviore, defiring to fee him, when the regent offered him a reward of 100,000 rupees, if he would contrive to make use of the letter in question, so as to prejudice Mahomed Isloof in the minds of the Linglish, he added, that he undertook the commission partly for the fike of the reward, and partly from defire to be revenged on Mahomed Iffoot, who had been the principal author of his lite imprisonment The Colleres were again examined separately, and agreed, without any variation, in the deposition they made the day before, upon which they, as well as Vishomed Iffoof, and the other Sepoy officer.

were released, and declared innocent

However, fuspicious were entertained that the whole truth had not been told, and that fome perfon, of much more confequence than an infignificant writer, fuch as the Bramin, was at the bottom of this daring iniquity the Bramin was therefore fent back to prilon, and remained there feveral days, often urged to diffeover more, but full perfifting in his fecond deposition At length, major Lawrence finding that gentle methods prodoced nothing, determined to try the effect of terror, and ordered Pontapah, the linguist, to requaint him, that he must prepare to die the next morning, unleis he confest d the

whole truth, and support it by proofs. The linguist returned and faid, the priloner had now confessed that he had been advised to go to the king, and propose the scheme of the letter by one Gopinirauze, a man who refided in Tritchinopoly, and formerly ferved as an interpreter to the English commandant of the garrison. Copinrauze was immediately examined; he faid he knew nothing of the affair, but appeared confounded and frightened, upon which Poniapali the linguist said he was certainly guilty. Whilst the examination of Gopinrauze was carried on in the camp, the Bramin confined in the city, contrived to fend a meffage to Mahomed Isloof, defiring to fee him, having fomething of importance to communicate. Mahomed Isloof repaired to the prison, taking the precaution to carry another person with him to be a witness of the conversation; when the prifoner made the following declaration. That ferving in the commiffary's department, under Peramrauze the principal agent and interpreter to the English commissary, he had several times been sent to Seringham to follicit the release of his master's family, who had been taken prisoners, when the convoy coming from Tricatapoly was . defeated. After feveral journies he procured their liberty, and a little while afterwards Poniapah proposed to him, as he was known in the enemy's camp, to carry a letter, and deliver it either to the king, or fome of his principal officers; the Bramin answered, that it was a dangerous business, for which he might be hanged; to which the linguist replied, that he should be able to save him by faying that he employed him as a spy. The Bramin desired time to consider, and immediately went and confulted his mafter Peramrauze, who advised him to comply with Poniapah's request. Poniapah, however, apprehensive of a discovery, told him that it was not proper to write the letter in the English camp, but directed the prisoner to write it himself when arrived in the enemy's camp; which instruction he obeyed. The letter was addressed to two principal officers, defiring they would perfuade the regent to write to major Lawrence, and request him to fend Poniapah to Seringham in order to hear some proposals relating to the dispute with the Nabob concern-. ing Tritchinopoly. The next day messengers from the regent came to major Lawrence, by whose orders Poniapah proceeded to SeringBook V

ham, the Bramm accompanied him, and was prefent during his whole converfation with the regent who began by evelanting his whole converfation with the regent who began by evelanting ignificant the Nibob for his breach of fath, and asked what reasons the Luglish could have for supporting him in it. Pomapah answered, that he had affished them in defending Fort St. Divid, when attacked by the French in 1748 Pomapah then alked the regent what he had in his heart, who replied, that if the Linghift would pay him all the expenses he had incurred during the war, he would go away, or if they would give him the city, he would pay their expences or laftly, if the Nabob and his whole family, would come and throw themfelves at his feet, beg for mercy, and own themselves beggars, that would fatisfy him Why, fud he, do the Linglish stay here and spend their money to no purpote, my expence is no greater than it would be if I remained in Myfore Ponispah replied, that he knew the Linglish would give up the city, if their expenses were reimbursed, for that he had seen a letter to this purport, written by the governor of Madrass, sive or six months 130. The regent said he was ready to make the agreement, but that it must be kept a secret from the I reach, for he would not trust them, knowing that they wanted the city for themielves Ponrapah affored him, that the butiness might be concluded as foon as Mr Palk arrived at langure, and in answer to questions made by the regent, he told him, that the Lughsh got all their provisions from Tondaman's country, that there were only provitions for two months in the city, and blewife revealed leveral other interesting particulars of their condition The regent affured him. that if the negociation fucceeded, he would give him a great reward in money, a number of villages, and the command of a thoufund Bramus for Ponypah himfelt was a Bramus The conference then finished, and Ponripah, at his return to camp, reported to the major such part of it only is could not prejudice himself, he likewise ordered the Bramin to fay nothing of what he had heard to any one. excepting his mafter Perimruze, and to tell him only fuch particulars as he himfelf intended to relate to the major. Some time-after the commiffury's bufiness requiring the Bramin to go to Tanjore, Pourapah was averfe to his departure. On his return from thence he was confined

confined under a guard of Sepoys, for a deficiency in some money which had been intrusted to him; but Peramrauze promising to be responsible for him, Mahomed Issoof, after much sollicitation, released him: as foon as he came out of his confinement, his mafter fent him to Poniapah, who told him, that so much time had been lost by his journey to Tanjore, and his confinement after his return, that the regent, who had heard nothing of the business since they went to Seringham together, must imagine they had trifled with him; it was necessary therefore, he said, that the Bramin should go to the regent without delay. The Bramin confenting, Poniapah gave, him inftructions how to conduct himself; in consequence of which he advised the regent to write to Mr. Palk at Tanjore, defiring him to get permission for Poniapah to come again to Seringham: he added, that if the regent could in the mean time contrive to prevent the English from receiving provisions, they must inevitably retire; that as the Neloor Subahdar was the only person who knew how to conduct their convoys, it was necessary to get him killed, which might easily be effected, fince he often went abroad with small parties; but as a furer method to remove him, the regent ought to write a letter-addreffed to him, pretending that he had promifed to betray the city. The regent wrote the letter without hesitation, and delivered it to the Bramin, who returning from Seringham, was taken up with the letter concealed in his cloaths, by fome of the English troopers: they carried him a prisoner to the camp, but without discovering the letter; he was extricated out of this difficulty by Poniapah, who being ordered to examine him, reported that he had been to visit some relations at Elimiserum. As soon as he was released, he went to his mafter Peramrauze, and gave him some hints of the business he had been doing at Seringham. The next day he laid the letter on the steps by the river side, and as soon as he saw one of the Colleries take it up, went and gave information to captain Kilpatrick's fervant.

Mahomed Isloof, on hearing this account, went to Peramrauze, and asked him, what he knew of the affair. The man threw himself at his feet, and implored his mercy; but Mahomed Isloof immediately secured him, and returning to the camp, related to major Lawrence

what the Bramin had declared, on which Poniapah was feized and imprifoned.

The Bramin repeated to the court of enquiry, without addition or deviation, all he had declared to Mahomed Isloof: being asked, what induced him to accuse Gopinrauze, he faid, that when major Lawrence had determined to put him to death, unless he discovered his accomplices, Poniapah, who was ordered to acquaint him of this refolution, advised him to accuse somebody, and asked him whether he had lately had any converfation with Gopinrauze; he replied that he had met him at the house of Peramrauze, on the evening after his return from Seringham, and that they had converfed together in private near a quarter of an hour, whilst a number of Sepoy officers and other persons were assembled in the house, in order to see the experiments of a conjurer, who had been fent for by his mafter, to difcover in what manner the money was loft, for which he, the Bramin, had been confined on his return from Tanjore: upon this, Poniapah advised him to accuse Gopinrauze, and to stick to that, that would do. Peramrauze was likewife examined, and his evidence coinciding with the declaration of the Bramin, in all the points of which the Bramin had declared him to have any knowledge, Poniapah was condemned. and fome time after blown off from the muzzle of a cannon. He confessed nothing; his antipathy to Mahomed Isloof arose from his jealoufy of the influence which this officer had obtained in the camp, by which his own importance was much diminished. This complicated, treachery thews to what dangers the affairs of Europeans in Indostan may be expected, by not having persons of their own nation _fufficiently verfed in the languages of India, to ferve instead of the natives as interpreters.

The regent, in telling Poniapah that the maintenance of his army at Seringham had not diffreffed his finances, diffembled the truth; for his expences had been fo great, that he could hardly find money to pay his own troops, and had none, to fatisfy the demands of the Morattoes. This Morari-row perceiving, began to tire of the war. and defirous of fome plaufible pretext to break with him, demanded to be paid his arrears, which by the account he made out, amounted to a Z. z. million

million of rupees; but the regent having never refused to supply him with money whenever he demanded it, thought he had already overpaid him. This occasioned some there altercations, and Morari-row, as the shortest way to bring the regent to his terms, took all his Morattoes from Seringham, and encamped with them on the 11th of May to the north of the Coleroon, declaring that he would not return before the money was paid.

The next day, the 12th of May, a party of 120 Europeans, 500 Sepoys, and two field pieces, under the command of captain Calliaud, marched from the camp at four in the morning, intending to wait about two miles to the fouth of the fugar loaf rock, for a convoy of provisions which was ordered to advance out of the woods. The post in which the party intended to halt, had formerly been one of those refervoirs of water called tanks, which occur so frequently in the arid plains of this country, where that element is procured with fo much difficulty. These tanks are generally dug square, the sides of some being 500 feet long, and of others not more than 100; with the earth taken out is formed a mound, which encloses the tank at the distance of forty feet from the margin of the water. The tank in which the party intended to take post was, through age and neglect, choaked up, but the mound remained. Mahomed Moof riding at some diftance before the advanced guard, was furprized as he afcended a little eminence by the neighing of his horse, who was immediately anfwered by the neighing of feveral others; proceeding, neverthelefs, to reconnoitre, he discovered the French troopers posted behind a bank on the other fide of the eminence, who immediately discharged their carbines at him, and then mounted. Captain Calliaud, on hearing the firing, formed his party, and rode up to the advanced guard, where he met Mahomed Isloof, who told him that the enemy were lying in wait to intercept the convoy, and that he believed a body of French troops had taken post in the tank where they themselves intended to halt; it was immediately determined to attack them. The day was just beginning to dawn; the troops were formed in one line, the Sepoys on the right, and the Europeans on the left; and captain Calliaud concluding that the enemy would expect the attack in front, ordered

ordered the Sepoys, under the command of Mahomed Isloof, to wheel and attack them on the left, whilft he himfelf with the Europeans fell on their right flank. The onfet was vigoroully made by both divisions almost in the fame instant, and the enemy finding themfelver unexpectedly between two fires, abandoned the tank with precipitation; the Euglish immediately took possession of it, and a little while after, day-light enabled them to discover that the numbers of the enemy were 250 Europeans, with four field pieces, toco Sepoys, and 1000 Myfore horfe, who now divided into two bodies, one on each fide of the tank, and began a finart cannonade, which was an-fivered by the English field pieces. Major Lawrence was at this time to much indipoted, that he had the day before been obliged to go into the city; and captain Police commanded in his ablence, who no finner heard the firing than he marched to the relief of the party with the reft of the army. The reft of the enemy's army at the fame time craffed the Caveri, but the difference of the distance enabled the Euglish to get to the tank some time before them; those of the enemy who were engaged with captain Calhaud's party, fearful of placing themselves between two fires, made no effort to intercept captain Police's division; but contented themselves with cannonading them from the right and left as they advanced; a thot difabled one of his field pieces, and on his arrival at the tank lie found that one of those with captain Calliand had fuffered the same misfortune; fome time was spent in fixing these gans on spare carriages, during which the enemy's main body came up, and being joined by the rest of their troops, the whole now formed together within cannon that to the right of the tank, their line extending a great way beyond it towards the city. Their numbers were 700 Europeaus, fifty dragoons, 5000 Sepoys, and to,eco horfe, of which fortunately none were Morattoes. The English army confifted of no more than 360 men in battalion, 1500 Sepors, and eleven troopers. However, encouraged by then officers, the men thewed no difmay at the imperiority of the enemy's force, and prepared with great placenty to fight their way back to the camp. The Europeans defiled first out of the tank into the plain, marching onward in a column, ready on the first occasion to face about to the enemy

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on the right. The Sepoys then followed in a line, which terminating in a right angle with the rear of the battalion, extended to the left of it. The French battalion relying on the superiority of their artillery, which were feven field pieces, did not come near enough to do much execution with their mulketry; but their Sepoys moving into the rear of the English Sepoys, fired very smartly, and killed and wounded many of them, as well as some of the Europeans, amongst whom captain Police received a wound. However, the English troops proceeded without making a halt, until they took possession of another tank, fituated about a mile from that which they had quitted. Just as they had got into this post, captain Police received a fecond wound, which difabling him from farther fervice, he gave up the command to captain Calliaud. The enemy now feemed determined to let the English escape no farther; and threatened a general affault on the tank, for their Sepoys and cavalry drew up on three fides of it, whilft the French menaced the other. Major Lawrence, although very ill, ordered himfelf to be carried to the top of one of the city gates, and contemplating from thence the dispositions of both armies, trembled for the rate of his own; but it happened otherwise. The three English sield pieces were brass six pounders, and capable of discharging a great quantity of grape shot; and the artillery men, with their usual dexterity and calmness, fired them with such vivacity and good aim as the French battalion advanced, that in a few minutes they struck down near a hundred men, which execution staggering the rest, their line halted, irresolute whether to proceed or retreat: captain Calliaud seized this instaut, and fallying with all the Europeans, gave them a discharge of musketry so well levelled, that it immediately flung them into disorder, and breaking their ranks they ran away in great confusion: their officers endeavoured to rally them, but in vain, for they would not stop before they were. out of the reach of cannon shot, and then could not be prevailed. upon to return to the attack. The Sepoys and Myfore cavalry, who had been hitherto kept at bay by the English Sepoys, seeing their European allies retreating, immediately defifted from the engagement, and the whole retreated together by Weycondah to the island. The English contented with their success, which was indeed

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deed greater than could have been expected, did not purfue, but continued their march quietly to the camp; their loss was seven Europeans killed, and forty-eight, with fix officers out of nine, wounded, and r'yo Sepoys were either killed or wounded. The enemy suffered much more, having near 200 of their battalion, and 300 Sepoys killed or wounded. The convoy which had returned into the woods, tectiving information of the enemy's retreat, set our again, and arrived the same night at the camp, which was in such want of provisions, that if the enemy had only taken the resolution of encamping near the ground where they had sought, the English army would have been obliged to march away the next day to Tanjore.

The enemy reflecting with much vexation upon their diffrace. thought it necessary to perform some exploit which might re-establish their reputation: but thinking it desperate to attack the English in their eamp, they determined to wreck their vengeance on the Polygar Tondiman, whose attachment to the English had alone enabled them to fland their ground at Tritchinopoly, so long after they could get no more provisions from the Tanjore country. Accordingly the second night after the engagement, M. Maissin with all his Europeans, 3000 Sepoys, and 2000 horse, marched into the Polygar's country, with an intention to commit every kind of ravage; but the inhabitants alarmed, removed their effects, and drove their cattle into the thickest parts of their woods, where it was impossible to follow them, and the enemy found nothing but empty villages to burn, except at Killanore, where after dispersing the English Sepoys stationed there, they took three or four hundred bags of rice, and an iron gun. Vexed that they had with much fatigue been able to do very little mischief in this country, they resolved to fall on the dominions of the king of Tanjore, and plundering as they went, appeared before Kelli Cottah, which furrendered on the fecond day.

Major Lawrence not doubting but that the war thus unexpectedly carried into his country would convince the king of the necessity of acting again in conjunction with the English, determined to avail himself of the first impression which these hostilities might make

upon his mind, and prepared to march away to Tanjore. The guards at Elimiferum and the other out-posts were drawn off: 100 of the battalion were sent into the city to augment the garrison to 400 Europeans, and the rest of the army set out the 23d, at two in the morning, proceeding through Tondiman's woods.

Orders at the same time were sent directing the reinforcement which was waiting at Devi Cotah to march and join the army at Tanjore. The party which had been fent under the command of lieutenant Frazer to raise the siege of Palam Cotah, returned in the month of January to Devi Cotah, from whence another was feut in the month of February to make an incursion into the districts of Chillambrum, where the French had just collected a very large harvest of rice: this detachment confifted of thirty Europeans, and 200 Sepoys, commanded by a volunteer of no experience. They destroyed and fet fire to a great quantity of grain, which they found piled up in stacks in the fields; but hearing that the enemy's principal magazine was at Manaiçoile, a pagoda, twelve miles fouth-west from Chillambrum, they marched against the place, and summoned the French ferjeant who commanded in it. The man perceiving that they had no battering cannon, answered their summons by a defiance. The English officer believing, nevertheless, that he should by the fire of his musketry alone oblige the garrison to surrender, remained before the place, making some very aukward and insufficient dispofitions to reduce it. The French garrifon at Chillambrum apprized of this by the ferjeant, marched and came upon them by furprize, and the serjeant sallying at the same time with 100 Sepoys, the party was entirely routed, and the officer, with nine of his Europeans, were made piisoners. The detachment, under the command of captain Pigou, arriving foon after this at Devi Cotah, deterred the enemy for some time from committing any hostilities in this part of the country; but finding at length that these troops, whilst waiting for orders to march to Tritchinopoly, did not venture to make any incui sions into their territories, Mr. Dupleix re-assumed his intentions of reducing Palam Cotah; and in the end of April, a party confishing of eight hundred Sepoys and seventy Europeans, with three

pieces of battering cannon, and some sield pieces, appeared before the place; the governor immediately applied for affiftance to the company's agent at Devil Cotah: fome time was lost in debating whether the troops intended for the re-inforcement of the army at Trutchinopoly ought to the exposed on this service: but, at length, exact intelligence being received of the enemy's numbers, it was concluded that they could run no ruque in attacking them; and they marched, accompanied by five hundred Sepoys. Early the next morning they arrived within four miles of Palam Cotah; when the enemy, discovering them, immediately spiked up their heavy causon, blew up and threw into ponds and wells all their ammunition, and marched away towards Chillambrum. Five hundred Senoys were detached with orders to harrafs them until the main body should come up; but they had fo much the flart, and continued their march with fuch precipitation, that the pursuit was vain. Two days after a report prevailed that the Morattoes who had entered the kingdom of Tanjore, intended to intercept the English troops in their return to Devi Cotah; to prevent which they immediately quitted Palam Cotah. The French at Chillambrum hearing of their departure, marched out in hopes of gaining fome advantage over them in the retreat; and their advanced guard of Sepoys came up before the first division had croffed the Coleroon; enfigu Richard Smith, with the rear guard of three hundred Sepoys, was ordered to make head againft them, and kept them at a distance until the rest had gamed the other bank; but as foon as he began to retreat with the rear guard, the enemy, now augmented to the number of one thousand Sepoys, preffed hard upon him, and the freshes of the Coleroon happening to descend at this time, the river was risen so much since the first division began to cross, that it was now scarcely fordable: the rear, however, having no other refource, 'determined to cross at at all events, and were all the while exposed to the enemy's fire from the thickets which covered the bank, by which twenty men were wounded, and some of the shortest fize were drowned in the stream. A few days after his return to Devi Cotah, captain Pigou received orders from major Lawrence to proceed to Tanjore.

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The major pursuing his march through the woods, was met the day after his departure from Tritchinopoly by the Polygar Tondiman, whom he received with the respect due to his sidelity and attachment to the English cause. The same day likewise came an express from the king of Tanjore, fraught with compliments for the resolution which the major had taken to come to his assistance, and pressing him to hasten his march. Indeed what had just happened in his country rendered the major's approach every day more and more welcome. From Kelli Cotah the enemy went to Coiladdy, which having taken on the 24th, they immediately cut through the great bank, which preventing the waters of the Caveri from running into the channel of the Coleroon, may be called the bulwark of the fertility of the Tanjore country.

This, therefore, was the greatest mischief they could do to that nation, and struck them with so much consternation, that the king thinking it necessary to shew some appearance of vigour, ordered his uncle Gauderow to march with 1500 horse to Tricatopoly, and punish the enemy; but this unwary general was furprized the next day by an enemy he did not expect. The Nabob, during the course of the war, had made several proposals to induce Morari-10w to 1eturn to his own country, but the exorbitance of the demands on one side, and the distress for money on the other, had hitherto been infurmountable obstacles to the conclusion of the treaty. The same causes. having now separated the Morattoes from the Mysoreans, the Nabob entertained hopes that he should get rid of this dangerous enemy without expence. But Morari-row lay at Pitchandah, brooding schemes, and determined not to depart before he had got a certain fum of money from one or other of the contending parties, and perhaps from both. The march of Gauderow to Tricatopoly, instantly fuggested to him that a severe blow struck upon these troops by the Morattoes would infallibly induce the king of Tanjore, already terrified by the incursions of the French and Mysoreans, to furnish the money necessary to purchase his retreat; if disappointed in this expectation, he at least would have the fatisfaction of taking vengeance for the fevere blow which the Morattoes had fustained from

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Monac-gee in the beginning of the year. Animated by the double motive of interest and revenge, he croffed the two rivers in the night with 3000 of his best troops, who fell at day-break upon Gauderow's party so furiously that only 300 with their general cleaped; the rest were all either killed, or taken prisoners. Two days after this defeat, the English arrived at Tanjore, where they were joined by the detachment from Devi Cotah, of 150 Europeans, and 500 Sepoys, under the command of captain Pigou. Major Lawrence being at this time much indisposed, deputed captain Calliaud to act in conjunction with Mr. Palk in the conferences with the king on the meafures necessary to be taken.

They found that although the late misfortunes had convinced the king of his imprudence in withdrawing his affiftance from the English, as well as in displacing his general Monac-gee, they had not weated him from his affection to Succo-gee, whose counsels had brought fuch diffres upon himself and his country. Seeking, as irrefolute minds generally do, to reconcile incompatibilities, he wanted to employ the general without removing his mortal enemy the minister. However, finding that the dismission of Succo-gee was the only condition on which the English would accept of his alliance, and hearing at the fame time that they daily expected confiderable reinforcements, such as might enable them to carry on the war without him, he at length confented to banish Succo-gee from his presence and councils, and not only reinflated Monac-gee in the command of the army, but likewife appointed him prime minister. Mr. Palk and captain Calliaud, to fecure the king from a relapfe, infifted that the difgraced minister should immediately quit the kingdom, and he departed with his family, giving out that he was going to vifit fome famous pageda at a great distance, the usual pretext of such great men of the Indian religion, who think it necessary to retreat from danger, or are obliged to retire from power. This change, fo effential to the interests of the Nabob and the East-India company, was effected within feven days after the arrival of the army at Tanjore, and Monac-gee received his commissions from the king in ceremony on the 7th of June, and immediately began to levy new troops to repair

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repair the loss which the Tanjorine army had lately sustained; but as it required some time to collect the recruits, major Lawrence requested the presidency to hasten the junction of Maphuze Khan, and of the reinforcements which were arrived at Madrass from Bombay and Europe; so that the whole might march from Tanjore to Tritchinopoly in one body.

Accordingly a detachment of 400 men in battalion, half Europeans and half Topasses, together with 500 Sepoys, marched to join Maphuze Khan at Conjeveram, and from thence to proceed with him to Tanjore. This man, as fond of being at the head of a body of troops as he was incapable of employing them to any good purpose, shewed no inclination to quit the country about Arcot, giving for a reason that Abdulwahab Khan had failed to advance the money necessary to satisfy his troops. Under this pretext he moved up and down the country, levying contributions from such forts and polygars as were not strong enough to resist him. At length receiving affurances from the prefidency that they would furnish him with money, provided he would march immediately to the fouthward, he fet up his standard at Conjeveram in the month of May; and assured them that he would proceed without delay; but Mr. Dupleix, well acquainted with his character, confounded this resolution, by ordering the garrison of Gingee, with some other troops, to take the field. This body, although much inferior to Maphuze Khan's force, frightened him fo much that he declared he could not proceed unless he was joined by a detachment of Europeans: in the mean time the enemy, encouraged by his imbecility, advanced from Gingee, and took the fort of Outramaloor, which lays about 20 miles nearly west from Sadrass, and flushed by this success they proceeded to another fort still nearer to Conjeveram: but ensign Pichard, who had now joined Maphuze Khan with a platoon of Europeans, prevailed upon him to march against the enemy, who on their approach retreated to Outramaloor; enfign Pichard finding Maphuze Khan not a little elated with this acknowledgment of his superiority, persuaded him to follow them, and attack the fort, which being in a ruinous condition, a general affault was given, which succeeded, and the enemy ran away in a

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panick to Gingee, where they shut themselves up. This success, nevertheless, did not induce Maphuze Khan to proceed as he had promifed to Tritchinopoly; but he returned to Conjeveram with a refolution not to quit it again until he had received the money he had fo often demanded. The prefidency finding he was not to be influenced by any other motive, paid him 50,000 rupces, and agreed to pay as much more after he had croffed the Coleroon; this and the junction of the large detachment fent to accompany him, left him without any farther pretences for delay, and he began his march from Conjeveram in the beginning of July.

Morari-row returning, after the victory he had gained over Gauderow, to his camp on the other fide of the Coleroon, purfued the reft of his scheme, writing to the Nabob, who was then just arrived at Tanjore, that if he would give him fecurity for the payment of 300,000 rupees, he would return to his own country, and never more ibe an enemy either to him, the English, or the Tanjorines. The Nabob having no money, applied, as the Morattoe had foreseen, to the king of Tanjore, who after many meetings confented to furnish it, and the articles were drawn up and figned, flipulating that 50,000 rupees should be paid as soon as the Morattoes arrived at Volcondah, 100,000 more when they came to the pass of the western mountains, and the remaining 150,000 when they arrived in their own country. Whilst this transaction was carrying on at Tanjore, Morari-row acquainted the regent of Myfore that he was in treaty with the Nabob, but offered if the Myforean would pay him the arrears he had fo often demanded to return to his affiftance: the regent fent him what money he could spare, about 50,000 rupees, which the Morattoe no fooner received than he marched away with all his troops to Volcondah, and in the beginning of July left the province and went to his own country, which lays about 140 miles north-east from Arcot. ... Here Morari-row, after be furrendered Tritchinopoly to Nizam-almuluck in 1746, was permitted to creet a principality, dependant indeed on the Soubah of the Decan, but independant of his own nation : as all new states are conducted with more vigour and attention than fuch as have been long established, be foon made himself admired and Aaaa refrected

respected by his neighbours, enlisting none of his countrymen but fuch as were of approved valour, and treating them fo well, that they never entertained any thoughts of quitting him: on the contrary the whole army feemed as one family; the spirit of exploit which he contrived to keep up amongst them by equitable partitions of plunder, rendered them fond of their fatigues, and they never complained but when they had nothing to do. The choice he made of his officers still more discovered his capacity; for there was not a commander of 100 horse who was not sit to command the whole; notwithstanding which every one was contented in his particular station, and they all lived in perfect harmony with each other, and in perfect obedience to their general. So that this body of troops were, without exception, the best foldiers of native Indians at this time in Indostan. Besides the qualities common to the rest of the Morattoe nation, such as activity, stratagem, great dexterity in the management of their horses and fabres, they had by their conflicts against Europeans surmounted in a great degree the terror of fire-arms, although opposed to them with the steadiest discipline; and what is more extraordinary, were even capable of standing against the vivacity of a cannonade from field pieces: although this terrible annoyance, never made use of in India before the war we are commemorating, continued to strike all other Indian troops with as much terror as their aneestors felt when

Immediately after the departure of the English army, the garrison of Tritehinopoly received two or three convoys from the woods, upon which the enemy eroffed the Caveri, and eneamped on the plain, first at Chucklypollam, and afterwards to the fouth of the city, changing their eamp feveral times, between Elimiferum and the five rocks: their patroles constantly traversing this line rendered it impossible for the Sepoys at Killanore to pass with any more provisions, and the garrison were obliged to live on their stock, which with sparing management might last for three months. More than one had already elapsed before the treaty with the Morattoes was concluded at Tanjore; after which major Lawrence, anxious to return, pressed Monac-gee to march. Few of the generals of India have any notion of ., 6i

regular musketry was first employed against them.

of the value of time in military operations, and Monac-gee either it pretended or found fuch difficulties in recruiting his cavalry, that he declared he could not be ready before the end of July Wearred with these delays, and hoping that such a mark of his impatience would excite the I anjormes to follow him, major Lawrence, accompanied by the Nabob, marched away with the Liighth troops from Funjore on the 22d, and encamped at Atchempettih, a town in the woods belonging to the Colleries, about twelve miles west from Tamore five days after Monae gee fet up his standard and joined him with the Tamorine army, but he now deel und that his troops would be greatly diffitisfied if they proceeded any farther before Maphuze Khan with the reinforcement that accompanied him came up The Nabob likewife preffing major Lawrence to wait for those troops, he much against his will consented, but obliged Monne gee to collect a quantity of provisions fufficient to replace what if ould be confumed by the Linghish troops in the field and in Tritchinopoly, during the delay occurrent by this resolution

At this time a revolution, little expedied by any one in India, happened in the government of Pondicherry The directors of the Enghith East India company had in the preceding year, made reprefertations to the ministry of Great Britain, on the hostilities in which they were involved on the coast of Coromandel, and sollicited the support of the government either to terminate or carry on a war. which their own relources were little ible to continue against the France. The British ministry foon conceived the necessity of interferring vigoroully, to stop the ambitious projects of Mr Dupleix, and began a negotiation with the I reneh munitry on the fubject Mr Duvelaer, a director of the French company, together with his brother the count de Lude, who had both of them refided for many years in the East Indies, were deputed from Paris, to treat with the ministry in London, and had frequent conferences with the earl of Holdernefic. at that time one of his imperty's principal feeretaries of flate, who by much application and frequent enquiries from all persons expable. of giving true information, had guned an extensive knowledge of

the subject; however intricate and little understood. This minister finding that the French endeavoured as usual, to gain time under the pretence of negotiating, prevailed on the king to order a iquadron of men of war to be equipped, on board of which a regiment was to be embarked for the East Indies. This vigorous resolution convinced the French administration, that a perseverance in their schemes of making conquests, and obtaining dominions in Indostan, would foon involve the two nations in a general war; for which France was in no wife prepared: and they confented that the disputes of the two -companies should be adjusted by commissaries in India, on a footing of equality; without any regard to the advantages which either the one or the other might be in possession of, at the time when the treaty should be concluded. It now remained only to choose such commissiaries, as would implicitly fulfil these intentions, and the French themfelves, were fo fully convinced that Mr. Dupleix, was not a man fit to be trusted with a commission, which contradicted so strongly every part of his conduct fince the beginning of the war of Coromandel, that they forclaw the English ministry would suspect the good faith of every pacific profession they had lately made, if they should offer .to nominate Mr. Dupleix a commissary to adjust the terms of peace. Having therefore no alternative, they of their own accord, and without any application from the English ministry, took the resolution of removing him from the government of Pondicherry; and appointed Mr. Godeheu, a director of the French company, their commissary to negotiate the peace, and at the same time commander general with absolute authority over all their settlements in the East Indies. The English company empowered Mr. Saunders, and some other members of the council of Madrass, to treat with Mr. Godeheu.

On the 1st of August, Mr. Dupleix received advice of these resolutions, and the next day, a ship anchored at Pondicherry with Mr. Godeheu on board. He lauded immediately, proclaimed his commission, and took upon him the administration of the government; which Mr. Dupleix resigned to him with the same affectation of composure and serenity, that he had always shewn on every other disappointment or reverse of fortune. By this reasonable conduct, he preserved himself from an ignominy which was ready to be exer-

cifed upon him, in case he had proved refractory, for Mr Godeheu

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was furnished with one of those orders figued by the king, which fu-, perfedes all forms of the French Liws and jurifprudence, by diclaring the person against whom it is directed a criminal of state, and renders all other perions guilty of high treason, who refuse to assist in carry-

ing the mandate into execution His fucceffor Mr Godehen not having occasion to make use of this extremity of his power, treated him with much respect, and even permitted him to continue the exhibition of those marks of Moorish dignits, which both Murasa jing, and Saliabad jing, had permitted him to display, when they ap-

pointed him Nabob of the Carnatic. These were of various flags and enligns, various inffruments of military mufic, particular ornaments for his palankeen, a Moorish dress diffinguished likewise with ornaments peculiar to the Nabobship, and in this equipige, he went with great tolemnity to dine with Mr Godeheu on the feast of St Louis.

Mr Godeheu immediately on his arrival acquainted Mr Shunders of the intentions for which he was fent to India, and as a proof of his earnestness to accomplish them, but back to Mulrass the com-__pany of Swifs foldiers which Mr Dupleix had made prifoners as they

were going in Maffoolas from Madrits to Fort St. David in the beginning of the preceding year. The two governors entered into a correspondence, and both seemed desirous of agreeing to a suspension of arms, but until it should be concluded they seemed attentive tu lofe no advantage which might be gained in the field The orders fent to haften Maphuze Khan found him after many unnecessary delays suft arrived at Fort St David, with no inclination to proceed my farther. This indeed now fearcely depended on his own choice, for his troops, grown refractory from their conviction of his incapacity, refused to march before they received more money; notwithflanding the prefidency had paid 50,000 rupees when they fet out, and the remaining 50,000 was not due before they croffed the Coleroon, but major Lawrence having no expectation of effential fervice from fuch troops with fuch a commander, thought it unnecessary to waste either more time or money to procure their affift. ance, and ordered the detachment of Europeans to leave them behind

Seringham to take possession of the French rock, which being perceived by captain Kilpatrick, he fallied with a part of his garrison, and cannonaded them so briskly that they retreated in great consusion to the island. Some time was spent in re-assembling the scattered bullocks and coolies: after which the army continued their march, and encamped near the walls to the south of the city. Eight Europeans were killed by the cannonade, and amongst them captain Pigou, an officer of promising hopes, whose death was much lamented; near 100 of the French battalion were killed and wounded; but the irresolution and faintness of their behaviour this day was not imputed so much to want of courage, as to orders, which it was supposed their commander Mr. Massin had received, to avoid a general engagement.

The stock of provisions brought with the army were deposited in the city for the use of the garrison, and major Lawrence determined to get supplies for his camp as usual from Tanjore and Tondiman's country; but as it was necessary to drive the enemy from the plain before this could be effected with facility, he moved on the 20th of August to the Facquire's Tope, hoping to provoke them to sight. This motion produced a different but a better effect, for at noon they set fire to their camp, and retreated to Moota Chellinour, opposite to the head of the island. In the evening Monac-gee, with the Tanjorines, invested Elimiserum, where the enemy had a guard of 150 Sepoys, and thirteen Europeans, with one piece of cannon; which after very little resistance surrendered on the 22d; and a garrison of 100 English Sepoys, with a sew artillery men were lest to secure it.

Major Lawrence finding that the enemy shewed no inclination to quit Moota Chellinoor, marched from the Facquire's Tope on the 1st of September, and encamped nearer to them, to the north-west of Warriore pagodas. They had made an inundation on each slank of their camp; the Caveri was in their rear; and they had slung up works and mounted cannon to defend their front, which was accessible only by one road leading through rice fields covered with water. Notwithstanding the advantages of this situation, they had not courage to continue in it; but suspecting that the English intended to attack them they crossed the river in the night, and retreated to Seringham. The English took possession of the post they had abandoned,

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doned, and finding that they had done much mifchief to the water-courses which from this place supply the ditches and refervoirs of Tritchinopoly, they employed some days in repairing them; after which major Lawrence, in compliance with a promise he had made to the king of Tanjore, detached Monac gee with the Tanjorine troops, accompanied by a party of 220 Europeaus, 600 Sepoys, and two field-pieces, under the command of captain Joseph Smith, to Colladdy, in order to protect the coolies employed there in repairing the great bank which the enemy had ruined in the month of May. The rainy season being now set in, the rest of the English battalion and Sepoys went into cantonments in Warriore pagodas, on the 13th of September.

At this time a squadron, under the command of admiral Watson, confifting of three thips, of 60, 50, and 20 guns, with a floop, as also feveral of the company's thips, arrived on the coast, having on board? the 40th regiment of 700 men, under the command of colonel Adlercron, with 40 of the king's artillery men, and 200 recruits for the company's troops. The French likewise had received during this feafon, 1200 men, of which number 600 were a body of huffars, / under the command of Fiticher, a partizan of some reputation; but the rest were only raw recruits: so that both sides now were able to . bring into the field an equal force of about 2000 Europeans; but the English troops were in quality so much superior to the French, that if this long and obstinately contested war had now rested on the decifion of the fword, there is no doubt but that the French would foon have been reduced to alk for peace on much less advantageous terms than the prefidency of Madrafs were obliged to accede to, in obedience to the orders they now received from Europe. Mr. Godeheu himself was sensible of this disparity, and dreading at the same the advantages which the English might derive from their squadron, he thewed a moderation in his propolals fufficient to induce Mr. Saunders to agree to a suspension of arms, before the terms of the treaty were adjusted.

The allies on both fides were included in this fufpention, which was proclaimed at Madrats, Pondicherry, Tritchinopoly, and in all other places on the coaft of Coronantel, where the English and

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French had troops, on the 11th of October; from this day it was to continue until the 11th of January. As foon as it was proclaimed, major Lawrence, who now received a commission appointing him to the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the king's fervice, quitted Tritchinopoly and came to Madrass, where he was presented by the president, in the name of the company, with a fword enriched with diamonds, as a token of their acknowledgment of his military fervices. These distinctions, however, did not countervail his sense of the neglect which had been thewn him, by fending colonel Adlercron, an officer of fuperior rank, to command the English troops in India.

The two armies at Tritchinopoly, whilst remaining in expectation of the fuspension of arms, had attempted nothing decisive against each other fince the French retreated to the island. The French indeed detached an firong party to cannonade the workmen repairing the great bank at Coiladdy; and these troops appeared several times in fight of captain Smith's detachment, but were by the vigilance of this officer prevented from giving any interruption to the work: fome other parties likewise molested the coolies repairing the watercourses at Moota Chellingor, but they defifted as foon as Mahomed Iffoof, with fix companies of Sepoys were stationed there. In other parts of the province very few disturbances; had happened fince Maphuze Khan had marched from Conjeveram to Fort St. David, where he still remained. The Phousdar of Velore, soon after he released captain Smith in April, made overtures, offering to acknowledge Mahomed-ally; upon which the presidency of Madrass gave him in writing a promise of their protection so long as he conformed to the allegiance due from him to the Nabob; and Abdul-wahab the Nabob's brother, made a treaty with him on the same occasion.

In the beginning of the year 1754, Sallabad-jing accompanied by Mr. Buffy and the French troops took the field to oppose the Morattoe Ragogee Bonsola, who as he had threatened, had began to ravage the north-eastern parts of the Soubahship. No details of this campaign, any more than of the others in which Mr. Buffy has acted, are hitherto published, and all we know from more private communication is, that the army of Sallabad-jing and his allies advanced as far as Nagpore the capital of Ragogce, near which, after many skirmishes.

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mithes, a prace was concluded in the month of April, and at the end of Ma, Mr Buffy came to Hydersbad, refolving to proceed into the newly acquired provinces, in which Mr. Moraein had, although not without difficulty and opposition, established the authority of his natio: Jaffer ally, who had for fome years governed Rajahmundrum, and Clue cole, when fa amoned, refolved not to refun them, and finding Vizeramrauze, the ineft powerful Rajah of these countries, with a hom he was then at war, in the faine disposition with ha felf, he not only made peace, but entered into a league with the Rajah, and both agree! to oppose the I reach with all their force in contequence of which treaty they applied for support to the Linglift factors at Vizagipathum, as alto to the prefidency of Ma Irafs, the Luglish encouraged them in their resolution, but were too much occupied in the Cirritic to furnish the fuccours they demanded The interests of the Indian princes and Moorish governors perpetually clathing with one another, and with the interest of the Mogul, will perhaps always prevent the empire of Indoftan from coereing the limbits as attempts of any powerful l'uropean nation, when not opposed by another of equal force, much less will any particular principality in Ind a be able to withfland fuch an invader Mr Moracin, not having troops enough at Majulipatnam, to reduce the united forces of the Rajah and Juffer ally, made overtures to Vizeramrauze, offering to farm out to him the countries of Ra rihm indrum and Chic icole at a lower rate than they had ever been Such a temptation was perhaps never relifted by any prince in Jude flan, and Juffer ally fair line himfelf ibandoned by his ally, quitted his country full of in 1 gration, and determined to take refuge with Rigigic, who was at that time halting with Sillabid jung and Mr I usly trivelling with this intention to the westward he fell in with a large balv of Mo ittoe, commanded by the fon of R is gee, whom he eafily prevailed upon to make an mourf on into the Chic cole countries over the mountains, which till this time were deemed impullible by chillry, but a Polygur, who had been driven out of his territory by the Rapah, and arcompanied the Nabub in his flight, undertook to conduct them

through defiles and paffes known to very few except himfelf. The Morattoes under this guide entered the province of Chicacole, whilst the Rajah thinking such an inroad impossible, lay negligently encamped near his capital; where falling upon him by surprize, they gained an easy victory over his troops, and the Rajah hurried away to Mafulipatnam, to demand affiftance from the French. In the mean time the Morattoes carried fire and fword through the province, and more particularly directed their ravages against his patrimonial territory. Amongst other depredations they burnt the Dutch factory of Bimlapatnam, in which they found feveral chefts of treasure; but they offered no violence to the English factory of Vizagapatuam. Mr. Moracin immediately detached all the force he had, about 150 Europeans, and 2500 Sepoys, to join the Rajah's army, who now marched against the enemy; but the Morattoes kept in separate parties out of his reach, until they had got as much plunder as they could find means to carry away; which having fent forward with a confiderable escort, they, in order to secure their booty from pursuit, marched with their main body and offered Vizeramrauze battle. The fight was maintained irregularly for feveral hours, but with courage on both sides: the Morattoes, however, at last gave way before the French artillery: they nevertheless remained some days longer in the neighbourhood, until they heard that their convoy was out of reach of danger; when they fuddenly decamped, croffed the Godaveri at a ford which they had discovered, and passing through the province of Elore, coasted the northern mountains of Condavir, until they got out of the French territories, who rather than expose their provinces to a second ravage by opposing their retreat, suffered them to proceed without interruption through feveral difficult passes where they might easily have been stopped. In the month of July Mr. Busy came from Hyderabad to Masulipatnam, from whence he went to the city of Rajahmundrum, and fettled the government of his new acquifitions, in which the French were now acknowledged fovereigns, without a rival or competitor; for the Morattoes, content with the plunder they had gotten, shewed no farther inclination to assist Jasser-ally Khan in the recovery of his governments; who having no other resource left, flung

tlang himfelf upon the elemency of Salabad-jung, and went to Aurengalad, where he made his followings.

As been as the futjoinflux of arms was declared in the Carnatic, Mr. Watton, with the Guadron, left the couft, in order to avoid the themy monitors, and proceeded to Bombay. In the end of December commodore Pocock arrived at Madrati with a reinforcement of two men of war, one of 75/and one of 60 guins. By this time Mr. Sanaders and Mr. Godelier had a fjulled, as far as their powers extended, the terms which were to reflore transpullity to the Carnatic.

They were only impowered to make a conditional treaty, which was not to be deemed definitive until it had received the apprehation of the two companies in Ferope, who had referred to themselves the power of annalling or alternig the whole or any part of it. This conditional treaty thinulated as a hate, that the two companies were for ever to renounce all Mootith government and dignity; were never to interfere in any differences that might arite between the princes of the country; and that all places, excepting such as should be thinulated to temain in the pellethon of each company, were to be delivered up to the government of Indolan. The governors then proceeded to give their opinion what places each might tetain without a rifque of engagin; them in future wars, either with one another, or with the names of the country. In the Tanjore country the English were to policis Devi Cotah, the French, Karical, with the districts they at that time held; on the could of Coronandel the English were to poffers M alrafs and Fort St. David; the French, Pondicherry, with diffrichs of equal value; and if it thould appear that the length pofferious in tile kin glom of Tanjore and in the Camatic together, were of more value than the French poffettions in those countries, then the French were to be allowed an equivalent for this difference in a fettlement to he choice between the river of Guidecama and Nizamoutnam: diftricts near Majolinatnam were to be afcertained of equal value with the flind of Divi, and of these districts and the illand a partition was to be made as the two nations could agree in the choice : to the northward of the districts of Mafulipatoam, in the Raj imusalrom and Chicacole countries, each nation were to have four or five fubordinate factories, or fample houses of trade, without territorial revenues, chosen

fo as not to interfere with one another. Upon these conditions a truce was to take place between them and their allies, on the coast of Coromandel, until the answers should be received from Europe concerning this convention. Both nations obliged themselves, during the truce, not to procure any new grant or cession from the princes of the country, nor to build forts; but they were permitted to repair such sortifications as were at this time in their possession. Neither were to proceed to any cessions, retrocessions, or evacuations, until a definitive treaty should be concluded in Europe, at which time were to be settled the indemnisheations which each was to receive for the expences incurred by the war.

The truce to which this conditional treaty gave birth, specified that if either of the European nations committed any acts of hostility, or increached upon the possessions of the other, commissions were to be appointed to examine and adjust the dispute; but if the Indian allies of either side committed violences against either of the two nations, both were to unite in repulsing them: it was likewise agreed to proceed to an exchange of prisoners as far as the number taken by the French extended; this was only 250, whereas the Euglish had 900.

This convention was in reality nothing more than a cellation of holtilities for eighteen mouths; fince there was no positive obligation on either of the companies to adopt the opinions of their representatives expressed in the conditional treaty. In the mean time the French were left to enjoy, without interruption, the revenues of all the territories which they had acquired during the war. These incomes, according to the accounts published by themselves, were, from Karical in the kingdom of Tanjore, 96,000 rupees; from the eighty villages in the district of Pondicherry, 105,000; from Masulipatnam with its dependencies, from the island of Divi, Nizampatnam, Devrecottah, and Condavir, all contiguous territories, 1,441,000; from the four provinces of Elore, Mustapha Nagar, Rajahmundrum, and Chicacole, 3,100,000; from lands in the Carnatic. to the fouth of the river Paliar; 1,700,000; from the island of Seringham and its dependencies, which Mahomed-ally had given up to the Mysoreans when they came to his affistance, and which

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the Myforeans now give to the French, 400,000, in all 6,844,000 rupees, equal to \$55,000 pounds flerling

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The accessions which the English had made during the war to the usual incomes of their fettlements on the coast of Coromandel, were no more than 800,000 rupees, drawn annually from lands lying to the north of the Paliar, mortgaged by the Nabob to reimburfe the great fum of money they had delrayed on his account in military expences. It was therefore evident that no motive of ambition had induced them to earry on this war on the contrary, the continuance of it was deemed, and perhaps with reason, incompatible with the existence of the company; otherwise it would be impossible either to account for, or excuse the conduct of the directors, by whose orders the presidency of Madrass was obliged to conclude a truce on such precarious and unequal terms as would enable the French to recommence the war with double ftrength, if the conditional treaty were not accepted by their ministry in Europe; who for this very reason might be ftroughy tempted to reject it. However the English kept one advantage in their power, by not releating 650 prifoners whom they had taken during the war more than the French had taken from them; and they derived another advantage of the greatest confequence, by the removal of Mr. Dupleix from the government of Pondicherry. He departed on his voyage to Europe on the 14th of October, having first delivered his accounts with the French company to Mr. Godehen, by which it appeared that he had difburfed on their account near three millions of rupees more than he had received during the course of the war. A great part of this fum was furnished out of his own estate, and the rest from monies which he borrowed at interest from the French inhabitants at Pondicherry, upon bonds given in his own name. Mr. Godeheu referred the discussion of these accounts to the directors of the company in France, who pretending that Mr. Dupleix had made thefe expences without fufficient authority, refused to pay any part of the large balance he afferted to be due to him upon which he commenced a lay-fuit against the company, but the ministry interfered and put a stop to the proceedings, by the king's authority, without entering into any discussion of Mr. Dupleix's claims, or taking any measures to fatisfy them. Cce However,

However, they gave him letters of protection to fecure him from being profecuted by any of his creditors. So that his fortune was left much lefs than that which he was possessed of before he entered upon the government of Pondicherry in 1742. His conduct certainly merited a very different requital from his nation, which never had a .fubject to defirous and capable of extending its reputation and power in the East-Indies; had he been supplied with the forces he defired immediately after the death of Anwar-o-dean Khan, or had he afterwards been supported from France in the manner necessary to carry on the extensive projects he had formed, there is no doubt but that he would have placed Chundafaheb in the Nabobship of the Carnatic, given law to the Soubah of the Decan, and perhaps to the throne of Delhi itself, and have established a sovereignty over many of the most valuable provinces of the empire; armed with which power he would eafily have reduced all the other European fettlements to fuch restrictions as he might think proper to impose: it is even probable that his ambition did not stop here, but that he intended to expel all other Europeans out of Indostan, and afterwards from all other parts of the East-Indies, for he was known often to fay, that he would reduce the English settlements of Calcutta and Madrass to their original state of fishing towns. When we consider that he formed this plan of conquest and dominion at a time when all other Europeans entertained the highest opinion of the strength of the Mogul government, fuffering tamely the infolence of its meanest officers, rather than venture to make relitance against a power which they chimerically imagined to be capable of overwhelming them in an instant, we cannot refrain from acknowledging and admiring the fagacity of his genius, which first discovered and -despised this illusion. But military qualifications were wanting in his composition to carry effectually into execution projects which depended fo much upon the fuccess of military operations; for although sufficiently versed in the theory of war, he had not received from nature that firmness of mind, which is capable of contemplating infrant and tumultuous danger with the ferenity necessary to command an army; nor were there any officers at Pondicherry of fufficient abilities to oppose such as we have seen commanding the English

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forces, for as it was Mr. Duplere's cuftom to remove the commander after a defeat, no less than fix had been employed by him in this station with equal ill success since the beginning of the year 1752 the only man of distinguished capacity who served under him, was Mr Buffy, and his conduct to this officer shewed that he knew the value of ment, and was capable of employing it to the utmost advantage, for although Mr Buffy had by his expedition to the northward acquired much reputation, and a great fortune, he beheld his fuccesses without the least envy, and implicitly followed his advice in all affairs of which Mr Buffy, by his fituation, might be a better judge than himfelf, from whence it may be prefumed, that inflead of persecuting he would have agreed as well with Mr De la Bourdonnais, if this officer had come into India with a commission dependant on his authority, but his pride could not with patience fee an equal purfuing schemes so different from his own, in a country where he was laying the foundation of fo much greatness and reputation for himfelf Here, therefore, envy obscured his understanding. and warped his mind to injustice in his private life he is nevertheless acknowledged to have been friendly and generous to such as had any merit, without being implacably fevere to those whose incapacity or misconduct disconcerted his schemes The murder of Nazir jing is , the only act of atrocious iniquity which is imputed to him, but even iir this no proofs have ever appeared that he either infligated the Pitan Nabobs, or concurred with them in planning the affaffination of that prince He no focner quitted Pondicherry than the antipathy, which many had concerved against him, from the haughtiness and pride of his demeanor, fubfided, and all his countrymen concurred in thinking that his difinission from the government of Poudicherry was the greatest detriment that could have happened to their interests in India.

The treaties were published on the 11th of January, the day on which the former suspension of arms ended, and two days after Mr Saunders quitted the government of Madrafs, and proceeded to Eng-At the end of January Mr Watfon, with his fquadron, arrived from Bombay at Fort St David, having made the paffage against a contrary monsoon, with almost as much expedition as if they had failed at a favourable feafon of the year. In the beginning Ccc 2

of February Mr. Godeheu, having fulfilled the principal intentions of his commission, quitted Pondicherry and returned to France, leaving the power of the governor much more limited than it had been in the time of Mr. Dupleix. The two presidencies, now at peace with each other, gave their whole attention to manage their respective territories, revenues, and alliances, to the best advantage, without infringing the truce.

The Myforeans could not be made to understand that they were no longer at liberty to commit hostilities against the English or the Nabob; and the regent, when advised by the French to return to his own country, faid that he was under no obligation to regard any treaties that he had not made himfelf: that therefore he should never leave Seringham until he had got Tritchinopoly, which he did not despair of esfecting even without their assistance: finding, however, that the French thought themselves obliged to acquaint the English of any schemes that he might put in practice for this purpose, he offered the commanding officer 300,000 rupees if he would retire with the French troops to Pondicherry, and leave him at liberty to carry on his projects without controul: .the English, however, were under no apprehensions of the effects of them, and at the request of the Nabob a detachment of 500 Europeans and 2000 Sepoys were ordered to proceed into the countries of Madura and Tinivelly to affift in reducing them to his obedience. Maphuze Khan, who arrived at Tritchinopoly in the end of December with 1000 horse, was appointed by the Nabob his representative in those countries, and joined his troops to the English detachment; the Nabob himself likewise refolved to accompany them fome part of the way.

This army, commanded by lieutenant-colonel Heron, an officer lately arrived from England, fet out in the beginning of February from their cantonments at Warriore pagodas, and halted thirty miles to the fouth of Tritchinopoly, at a village called Manapar, where the Polygars of this part of the country had previously been ordered to fend their agents to fettle their accounts with the Nabob. The four principal Polygars obeyed the summons; and their agents gave obligations promising to pay the tributes that were due; but the Nabob knowing the deceitful character of these chiefs in general, desired

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that the army might remain at Manapar until the money was paid, and fent officers to collect it, who on their return reported that the Polygri Lachenarg, after paying a part, refuffel to pay the remunder. Upon this it was refolved to attack his country, and the army after marching ten miles to the fouth-well of Manapar, in the high road-leading to Dindigul, came in tight of his woods, which lye about two miles to the well of that road.

The subjects of this, as well as of all the other Polygars in these fouthern parts of the peninfula, are Colleges, a people differing in many refrects from the roft of the Indians, and hitherto little known to Europeans, they fally in the night from their recesses and strongholds to plunder the inhabitants of the neighbouring villages of their cattle, which if they cannot being away alive, they kill with their long mears by constant practice in these exploits they acquire so much dexterity and audacity that they will for hire undertake to fical and bring off a horfe even from the center of a camp, they are fo far from thinking it a diffrace to be accounted thieves, that they value themselves upon excelling in the profession, and relate to strangers storics of desperate and successful thests accomplished by then countrymen, with as much complacence as other people commemorate the heroic actions of their ancestors, and indeed when booty is the object, they regard danger and death with indifference. of which the English officers themselves saw a very striking example, whilft they were befieging the French and Chundafaheb in Sering-Of the party of Colleries employed at that time by the Enghill to fteal the enemy's horfes, two brothers were taken up and convicted of liaving ftolen, at different times, all the horics belonging to major Lawrence and captain Clive; the prifoners did not deny the fact, but being told that they were to be hanged, one o them offered to go and bring back the hories in two days, whilft the other remuned in prilon, provided that Loth should be pardoned This 110nofal being agreed to, one of them was releated, but not appering in the ftirulated time, major Lawrence ordered the other Collery to be brought before him, and afked him the reason why his brother had not returned, bidding the prikiner prepare for death if the hories were not produced before the next evening; to this the Collery with great composure replied, that he was furprized the English should be so weak



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The army began early in the morning to attack a part of this barrier: the field pieces were placed upon an eminence from whence they commanded the towers that defended the face of attack; the Collegies appointed to guard the towers not being accustomed to the annovance of cannon fhot, foon abandoned them; but numbers, nevertheless, armed with matchlocks, and bows and arrows, perfifted in defending the hedge, hiding themselves within it, and firing with excellent aim through the imalieft intervals; whilf others appeared on the hills on each hand, kaping and bounding, by the help of their long fpears, from flone to flone, with the agility of monkeys, and howling and fereaming in hopes to terrify the affailants; but as foon as they found themselves within reach of their fire, they gained the fuminits again as nimbly as they had descended; returning, however, in the same manner as foon as the siring ceased. At length, about ten o'clock in the forenoon, the army, after having loft feveral men, forced their way through the barrier, when Mahomed Isloof was detached with 500 Sepoys, fome Europeans and a field piece, to attack the principal town, distant about four miles from that part of the barrier through which they had forced their way; but before the detachment came within fight of the town, they were unexpectedly stopped by another circumvallation of the fame kind, but flionger than the first: here the enemy had affembled their whole force, and defended themfelves with much more obstinacy than before; infomuch that Mahomed Isloof, after losing 100 Sepoys and 12 Europeans, was obliged to fend for fuccours from the main body; from whence a party of 100 Europeans was immediately detached to his affiftance; but before they arrived, the enemy having expended all their aminumition. abandoned their defences and disappeared. The army then proceeded without any interruption to their principal town, which they found likewise deserted, the enemy having retired with their cattle to the hills out of the reach of farther purtant: however, Luchenary finding that they shewed no inclination to quit his country, renewed his negociation, and in a few days paid the remaining part of his tribute. The Nabob now returned to Tritchmopoly, and the army, together with Maphuze Khan, proceeded to Madura, where they arrived in ten days. This city, fince the death of Allum Khan, which happened

pened in April 1752, had remained in the possession of another partizan in the interest of Chundasaheb's samily, who regarding his government as a transitory possession, and intent upon nothing but amassing wealth, had neglected to repair the fortifications, and kept only a flender garrison, very infufficient to defend a place of such extent: he, therefore, now retired with his garrison to Coilgoody, a strong pagoda, situated about eight miles to the east, and the army entered Madura without the least opposition. Here they received a deputation from the Polygar Morawar, whose country adjoins to the western districts of Madura and Tinivelly. The Polygar apologized for his conduct during the war in fiding with Chundafaheb and the Mysoreans, desired to be pardoned for that offence, and intreated to be received into alliance with the English, under whose protection he promised to remain faithful to the Nabob. As a proof of the sincerity of his intentions, he offered to give the company two fettlements on the fea-coast of his country, opposite to Ceylon, which, as he justly observed, would greatly facilitate their future communications with Tinivelly, for they had at present no other way of approaching that city but by a tedious and difficult march of feveral hundred miles; whereas reinforcements might come by sea from Madrass or Fort St. David in four or five days to the settlements he intended to give, from which the march to Tinivelly was no more than fifty miles. These offers colonel Heron deemed so advantageous, that without confulting the prefidency, he entered into an alliance with the Polygar, and as a mark of the English friendship, gave his deputies three English flags, with permission to hoist them in their country, wherefoever they should think proper. After this business was concluded, and the necessary regulations made to establish the Nabob's authority in the city, colonel Heron determined to attack the fugitive governor in Coilgoody. The greatest part of the Sepoys were fent forward in the evening, under the command of Mahomed Isloof, with orders to invest the pagoda closely until the battalion came up; but by some mistake they halted at the distance of two miles from the place, and the governor receiving by his spies intelligence of colonel Heron's intentions, fled in the night, leaving however the greatest part of his troops to defend it. The next day the battalion

battalion ter out from Madura, with two eighteen pounders, but the march lying through a rugged road, the carriages or these cannon broke down, and there were no spare carriages to replace them so that when the troops appeared before the proofs, they had none of the common preparations needing to utuek it, having even forgot to provide teding ladders. Colonel Heron, however, this long it a difference to retreat after he had tunimoned the place, determined to force his way into it by burning down the gate with bundles of firaw, at exp dient which probably was tuggefted to lumby his Indian do inteffice, in whom he placed great confidence, for we have feen the natives employing this method of attack it Achaveran. The most resolute men in the army regarded the attempt as rath and impracticable, but colonel Heron, o filence their remonstrances, set the example, and carried the first torch limitest. Leces of courage, how ever desperately or absurdly employed, seldom finds to interest those who are prefators of it, and often obliges them to participate of the danger, even against the consistions of their reason. Mahomed Issoe, the commander of the Serwys, who had more than any one ruliculed the madnets of this attempt, no fooner law colonel Heron exposing himself in this desperate manner, contrary to all military rules, than he followed his example, and accompanied him with mother torch a fo that the two principal officers of the army were now feen acting the part of volunteers, leading a forlorn hope Success, however, contrary to the general expectation, rewarded their endeavours, and in less than an hour the gate was burnt down, when the foldery rushed m, and in their first fury put several of the garrison to the sword they were then permitted to plunder, and nothing as usual, escaped them, for finding in the temples of the pagoda a great number of Little brazen images, worshipped by the people of the country, and particularly by the Colleges, they tore them down from their pedeftals, hoping to fell them at least for what the weight of the metal might be worth. After this exploit, for which the people of the country held them in utter deteflation, the troops returned to Madura, where leaving a garrifon of Europeans and Sepoy for the focurity of the city, the reft of the army, accumpanied by Maphure Khan, proceeded to Tinnelly, and arrived there about the middle of March

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This town is without defences, and no body appeared to oppose their entrance into it: the renters of the open country sollowed the example of the capital, and acknowledged the Nabob without hesitation; but many of the neighbouring Polygais made pretences to evade the payment of the tribute due from them. The most considerable of these chiefs was Catabonianaig, whose country lies about sifty miles north-east from Tinivelly; and it being imagined that the inferior Polygars would not hold out long after he should have submitted, a detachment of 200 Europeans, and 500 Sepoys, with two field pieces, were sent to reduce him.

Some days after another detachment, confifting of 100 Europeans, and 300 Sepoys, with two field pieces, were fent to attack the fort of Nelli-cotah, fituated forty miles to the fouth of Tinivelly. These troops set out at midnight, and performed the march in eighteen hours: the Polygar, startled at the suddenness of their approach, fent out a deputy, who pretended he came to capitalate, and pro-. mised that his master would pay the money demanded of him, in a few days; but suspicions being entertained of his veracity, it was determined to detain him as a pledge for the execution of what he had promifed, and he was delivered over to the charge of a guard. The troops were fo much fatigued by the excessive march they had just made, that even the advanced centinels could not keep awake, and the deputy perceiving all the foldiers who were appointed to guard him, fast asleep, made his escape out of the camp, and returned to the fort; from whence the Polygar had fent him only to gain time, in order to make the necessary preparations for his defence. This being discovered early in the morning, it was determined to ftorm the place, of which the defences were nothing more than a mud wall with round towers. The troops had brought no fealing ladders, but the outfide of the wall was floping, and had many clefts. worn in it by the rain, fo that the affault, although hazardous, was nevertheless practicable. It was made both by the Europeans and Sepoys with undaunted courage, in feveral parties at the same time; each of which gained the parapet without being once repulfed, when the garrison retired to the buildings of the fort, where they called' out for quarter; but the foldiers, as usual in desperate assaults, were

fo much exasperated by a sense of the danger to which they had expoled themselves, that they put all they met to the sword, not excepting the women and children, sufficing only six persons out of sour hundred to escape three, forry we are to say, that the truops and officers who bore the greatest part in this shocking barbarity, were the bravest or Englishmen, having most of them served under colonel Lawrence on the plans of Fritchinopoly but those who contemplate human nature will find in my reasons, supported by examples, to differt from the common opinion, that crucky is incompatible with courage.

Meanwhile the Polygar Morawar was fo delighted at the fuccefs of his negotiation with colonel Heron, that is a farther proof of his good intentions to the English, he ordered 5000 men, under the command of his brother, to march and affift them in reducing the Polygirs of Timvelly; but the king of Tanjore and Tondiman having many years been at implicable variance with the Morawar, beheld the marks of favour which had been thewn to him with the utmost jerluuty, and repretented their detestation of them in the firmgest terms to the presidency of Madrais, allodging that they themselves could have no rebance on the friendship of the English, if they faw them making treaties with their mortal enemies prefidence, unwilling to give umbrage to these allies, whose affistance they might probably soon stand in need of again, directed colonel Heron to break off all further communication with the Morawar. these orders, however, did not arrive before the Murawar's troops were advanced within five miles of Timvelly; when they were abruptly told, that if they did not immediately much back to their own country they would be treated as enemies. not, however, imagining that the English would proceed to such extremities, they remained in their camp, and endeavoured to commence a negociation: but the orders which colonel Heron had received were so peremptory, that he thought himself obliged to march and attack, them; on this they decamped with such precipitation, that they left behind them a great part of their baggage, with some horses, which were plundered by the Sepoys of the advanced guard.

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did not amount to the expences of the army: part of the tributes were embezzled by Maphuze Khan, and part was likewise diminished by the presents which colonel Heron, with too much avidity, confented to receive from those who had accounts to settle with the government. In the mean time Maphuze Khan, in concert with colonel Heron's interpreter, contrived every means to make the state of the province appear less advantageous than it really was; and then made an offer to take the farm of the Madura and Tinivelly countries together at the yearly rent of 1,500,000 rupees: this proposal was seconded, as usual, by the offer of a considerable present, which colonel Heron accepted, and gave him the investiture of the countries.

Whilst these transactions passed to the southward, the Mysoreansremained encamped at Seringham, where the regent had been diligently employed in schemes to get possession of Tritchinopoly: his principal reliance for the accomplishment of this design, was on a bramin, who perfuaded him that he had made a strong party in the city, and that he had feduced many of the garrison: the man even carried his imposture so far, that he mentioned the time when, as he pretended, the regent's party in the city defired he would make the attack. The regent, elated with this chimerical hope,-could not refrain from revealing a fecret, which gave him to much fatisfaction, to M. de Saussay, the commander of the French troops, who immediately fent intelligence to the garrison: captain Kilpatrick returned him thanks for the information; but to shew the contempt in which he held the military character of the Myforeans, he defired de Sauffay to acquaint the regent, that if he would venture to make the attack, the gates of the city should be left open to receive him. Soon after the regent received news from Mysore, informing him, that a large army of Morattoes, under the command of Balagerow, who had levied a contribution from his country in the preceding year, was approaching again to the frontiers; and that Salabad-jing, at the head of his army, accompanied by the French troops under the command of Mr. Buffy, was likewife advancing to demand the Mogul's tribute, which had never been paid fince the death of Nizam-almuluck. Alarmed by this intelligence, he immediately prepared to return to his own country, and on the 14th of April, the great drum,

the figual of decamping, was beaten, and the whole army croffing the Caveri marched away; leaving the French in-possession of the island. of Seringham, and the other territories which the Nabob had made over to him on his arrival, and of which he had from that time collefted the revenues.

It is difficult to find an example of a prince conducting himfelf with more weakness than the Mysorean in the course of this war: the Nabob procured his affiftance by a promife which he never intended to perform; and indeed, had the Myforean been endowed with common fagacity, he might have forefeen that the possession of Tritchinopoly, the object of all his endeavours, would have been the greatest missortune that could have happened to him, fince it would certainly fooner or later have involved him in a war with the Mogul government, which probably would have ended in reducing the kingdom of My fore itself, like the Carnatic, to be a province of the empire. The Naboh's breach of faith in refufing to deliver up the city to him, only ferved to exasperate his eagerness to get possession of it, which rendered him as great a dupe to the promifes of Mr. Dupleix, as he had been to those of the Nabob; for it is certain, that he at last discovered it himself, that the French never intended to give him Tritchiuopoly if they had succeeded in taking it: nor was he less deluded by his ally Morari-row, who after perfunding him to affift the French against the Nabob, deferted him as soon as his treasures began to fail. At length, after having walled three years, ablent from his, own-country at the head of an army of 20,000 men, he was obliged to return without receiving the least compensation for the expenses he had incurred, or any security for the reimbursement of them: for what reliance he might have upon the conditional treaty was little better than chimerical, fince many unforeseen events might render that convention abortive.

The prefidency of Madrafs hearing of Salabad-jing's approach to the western confines of the Carnatic, entertained suspicions that he might be tempted, notwithstanding the conditional treaty, to enter' the province; from this apprehension they fent orders to colonel Heron to return immediately with the troops under his command to Tritchinopoly: however, Maphuze Khan prevailed upon him to remain

remain until he received a fecond and more peremptory order, which came foon after; upon which he recalled the detachment which had been fent against the Polygar Catabomanans, and prepared himself to quit Tinivelly. The detachment had been as far to the north-eath as Shillinaikenpetiah, the principal fort of the Polygar, who on their appearance entered into a negociation, paid ione money in part of the tribute due from him, and gave hollages as fecurity for the reft; fome money was likewife received from feveral inferior Polygues, but the whole collection did not exceed 70,000 rapees: as from as the troops received the orders to return, they furnmened Catabonanaig to redeem his hoftages; but he knowing that they would not venture to flay any longer in his country, made fome trifling excuses, and without any concern fuffered them to carry the hoftages away with them. On the 2d of May colonel Heron quitted Tinivelly, but instead of proceeding directly to Tritchinopoly, suffered himself to be perfuaded by Maphuze Khan to march against Nellitangaville, a fort fituated about thirty miles to the west of Tinivelly, belonging to a Polygar who had with much contumacy refused to acknowledge the Nabob's authority; on the march he was joined by the detachment from the north-east. It was the misfortune of colonel Heron to place the utmost considence in his interpreter, and to be constantly betrayed by him; for before the army arrived in light of the fort, this' man had informed the Polygar that they had no battering cannon, and that they would not remain long before the place: the Polygar, therefore, fecure in his fort, which was built of stone and very strong, answered the summons with insolence; upon which the field pieces and two cohorns fired fmartly upon the walls for feveral hours; but this annoyance producing no effect, another message was sent, offering that the army should retire, provided he would pay 20,000 rupees. The Polygar relying on the information which he had received from the interpreter, and encouraged by this relaxation in the terms which were at first proposed to him, answered with great contempt, that fuch a fum could not be raifed in his whole country, and that he knew the value of money too well to pay a fingle rupee, By this time the army were much diffressed for provisions of all kinds, and the Sepoys ready to mutiny for want of pay; both which Maphuze

Maphuze Khan had promifed, but had neglected to supply; it was therefore determined to mirch away to Madura, where they arrived, accompanied by Maphuze Khan, on the 22d of May.

Colonel Heron thaved no longer here than was necessary to refresh the men and fettle the garrifon, in which he left a thousand Sepoys, under the command of Jemaul-falleb, an officer of foine reputation, and next in rank to Mahomed Moof. The army had now to pais one of the most difficult and dangerous defiles in the peninsula, fituated in a country inhabited by Colleries, who had, ever fince the departure of the army from Madura, threatened vengeance for the lofs of their gods at Coilgoods, and had already given a specimen of their refentment by cutting on a party of Schoys, which the commanding officer of Madura fent out to collect cattle. A Collery discovered them in the night lying fast affect, without any fentinels, and immediately went and brought a number of his east, who, coming upon them by furprize, flabbed every one of them. The defile, called the pals of Nattam, begins about twenty miles to the north of the city, and continues for fix miles through a wood, impenetrable every where elfe, to all, excepting the wild heafts and Colleries to whom it belongs, The road of the defile is barely infficient to admit a fingle carriage at a time, and a bank running along each fide of it, renders it a hollow way: the wood is in most parts contiguous to the road, and even in fuch places where travellers have felled part of it, the eye cannot penetrate farther than twenty yards.

The army quitted Madura on the 23th of May; a party was fent forward to take poft at a mud fort called Volfynattam, near the entrance of the woods, where the reft joined them in the evening, and the whole paffed the might here. The next morning at day-break they prepared to march through the defile: and it being reported that the Colleries had cut down many trees to obstruct the way, a detachment of Europeans, pioneers, and Sepoys, were fent forward under the command of captain Lin, with orders to clear the pass of these incumbrances, and to scour the woods on each side with their sire; but captain Lin neither finding such obstructions as had been reported, nor even discovering the least appearance of an enemy, continued his march.

march, and halted at the town of Nattam on the farther fide of the wood. Some time after the rest of the army entered the pass in the following order of march: fome companies of Sepoys led the van; these were followed by a serjeant and twelve Europeans; and immediately after them came the first division of artillery, with the tumbrils containing military flores; then followed the battalion led by captain Polier, after whom marched the rear division of artillery and tumbrile, which were followed by a ferjeant and twelve men, and these by some companies of Sepoys: then followed the baggage of the whole army, carried by bullocks and coolies, with feveral elephants and camels belonging to Maphuze Khan, and accompanied by some Sepoys to protect them. The rear of the whole line was closed by a guard of 20 Europeans, 40 Caffres, and 200 Sepoys, with a fix pounder, under the command of captain Joseph Smith: colonel Heron with a few horse proceeded before the line. Nothing could be blamed in this disposition, excepting that the commanding officer should have been in the center with the battalion, or with the rear guard, which ought to have been stronger: but the report from captain Lin's party, who had passed without interruption, removed every apprehension of danger, and relaxed the spirit of precaution. whole army had entered the defile, and proceeded, wondering they faw nothing of an enemy of whom they had heard fo much; when, by the carelessness of a driver, one of the heaviest tumbrils belonging to the rear division of artillery stuck in a slough, out of which the oxen were not able to draw it: the officers of artillery, however, imagining that they should soon be able to extricate it, suffered the troops marching before them to go on without calling out, or fending to bid them halt; and the officer who commanded in the rear of the battalion, feeing feveral of the tumbrils following close up with him, did not - fuspect what had happened, and kept on his way; most of the Sepoys, who marched behind the rear division of artillery, were likewife fuffered to pass the carriage in the slough, and proceeded in the rear of those tumbrils which were going on. In the mean time the carriage relisted several different efforts which were made to remove it, and choaking up' the road, prevented the other tumbrils which followed, as well as the three field pieces which formed the rear divition

division of artillery, from moving on, and these stopped the whole line of the baggage: thus the front division and main body of the army were separated from the rear, which by the absence of those Sepoys belonging to it, who were fuffered to proceed, was likewife deprived of a great part of its force. The Colleries, although unperceived, kept fpies near the road, watching every motion, but cunningly reframed from making any attack, until the main body had advanced two nules beyond the tumbril, which caused the impediment, when numbers of them began to appear near the rear guard of the baggage; but the fire of a few platoons foon obliged them to retreat; and as they remained quiet for fome time, it was imagined that they would not venture to make another attempt; but on a fudden they appeared in much greater numbers at the other end of the line, where the tumbril hadembarralled the road, and attacked the rear division of artillery; here the whole number of troops did not exceed a hundred men, of which only twenty-five were Europeans: this force not being fufficient to protect all the carriages, the two officers of the artillery prudently determined to give their whole attention to the prefervation of their field pieces, and of the tumbrils, which carried their powder and fhot. These happened to be all together in the rear of such carriages as were laden with other kinds of military flores; but fortunately some of the wood on the right band was cut down, and assorded an opening which commanded the road in front where the enemy were affembled; the officers therefore contrived to get their field pieces into the opening, from whence they fired fmartly; but the Colleries nevertheless maintained the attack for some time with courage, and with a variety of weapons; arrows, matchlocks, rockets, jaychus, and pikes; every one accompanying his efforts with horrible fereams and howlings, and answering every that that was fired upon them with the same outeries; but finding themselves much galled, they at length quitted the road, and retired into the thickets on each fide, from whence they renewed the fight with equal vigour, and with better fuccess, fince the artillery men were obliged to divide their attention to many different parts at once: many of the Colleries now pushed into the road amongst the tumbrils and carriages, and with their long spears stabbed the draught bullocks, and wounded or drove

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back the few Sepoys who remained to guard them: upon the artillery they were not able to make any impression; for the gunners, fensible that the cannon were their only resource, fired them with great vivacity and much effect; and captain Smith likewife fensible of the necessity of protecting the artillery at all events, detached, although he could ill spare them, an officer with a company of Sepoys from the rear guard to their affistance. At length the confused outcries of the enemy were on a fudden changed to one voice, and nothing was heard on all fides but continual repetitions of the word fwamy, meaning gods, which expression they accompanied with violent gesticulations and antic postures, like men frantic with joy; for fome of them cutting down the tumbrils they had feized, discovered in one of them most of the little brazen images of their divinities which the English had plundered at Coilgoody. 'It seemed as if they could not have received more delight in rescuing their wives and children from captivity; however, after their gods were conveyed out of the reach of danger, they renewed their attacks, and continued them at different intervals for feveral hours. Mean while no affiftance came from the battalion, nor did one of the messengers, sent by captain Smith to inform the commanders in chief of the distress of the rear, return. It was now four in the afternoon, when the enemy, after having defifted fome time from their attacks upon the artillery, fallied at once again unexpectedly into the road amongst the baggage, coolies, and market people of the army, killing, without distinction of age or fex, all they met. From this moment every thing was hurried into the utmost confusion; every one flung down his burden; and men, women and children pressing upon one another, fled to the rear guard as their only fanctuary: captain Smith, unwilling to aggravate the fufferings of the poor wretches by firing upon them, took the resolution of marching back out of the defile into the plain, where he drew up his men in a little field enclosed with a bank, and placing his field piece in the center of it, waited for the enemy; who fatisfied with the havock they had committed, did not venture to attack him, but retreated and disappeared as soon as the defenceless multitude, they were driving before them had got out of the wood. Some Lafcars and Sepoys were now fent forward to clear the road of the incum-

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brances of baggage with which it was feattered, after which the rear guard, divided half before and half behind the field piece and its tumbril, proceeded, and, fortunately meeting with no interruptions from the enemy, foon joined the rear division of artillery, who had been waiting with the utmost auxiety, expecting every moment to be attacked again great therefore was their joy at being thus reinforced. It was now dufk, and no time was to be loft, captain Smith therefore immediately collected what bullocks had efcaped the enemy's flaughter, deftroyed the carriage which had been the first cause of the confusion of the day, and drew off all the field pieces with their tumbrils of ammunition, leaving behind the rest of the stores, with the whole baggage of the army, for want of means to carry them away about two miles farther in the pass he came up with the battalion whom he found lying on their arms, without either the commander in chief, or any one of the captains amongst them for these five officers had all been fuddenly taken ill about noon with the extreme heat of the day, and had proceeded in their pallankins through the wood, to the post where the advanced guard under the command of captum Lin was halting from this misfortune, the fubordinate offieers, left without orders, had not ventured to make any difinofitions to fuccour the rear, notwithstanding they knew the danger to which it was exposed Captain Smith now took the command of the battalion, and marched with them through the wood to the flation where the advanced guard and the rest of the officers were waiting. Here the army puffed the night, and the next day reached the town of Nattam, where they were joined by a detachment from Tritchinopoly Maphuze Khan accompanied them no farther, but returned to Maduri The army continuing their march without any interruption, armed on the 5th of June in light of Truchmonoly, and encamped at Warriore pagodas colonel Heron was foon after recalled to Madrafs, where his conduct during this expedition was tried by a court martial, by which he was rendered incapable of terving the company any longer.

The government of Pondicherry faw this expedition into the fouthern countries with a jealous etc. because they faw the advantages which would accrue to the Nabob, it the territorics of Madura and Fine elly, which had so long been rent from the power of Arcor, should again be annexed to its government: they remonstrated, not only that the expedition was in itself a breach of the truce with Mr. Godeheu, but that these countries belonged to themselves in virtue of various rights derived from Chundasaheb, and the king of Mysore. Their arguments were answered by pretensions equally specious; and Mr. Deleyrit the governor of Pondicherry, naturally a man of moderation, did not think it worth while to interrupt the expedition at the risque of renewing the war so early after the cessation of hostilities; but on the first occasion acted as the English had set the example.

There lieth about thirty miles north of Tritchinopoly, and immediately N. w. of the straights of Utatoor, a large tract of woodland country, called Terriore, of which the chief is stiled Rheddy, a diminutive of Rajah or king. This country during the war before Tritchinopoly had been overrun by a detachment of the Myfore army, affifted by fome of the French troops, who deposed the Rheddy then reigning, and placed one of his cousins in his stead. The Mysoreans, when they retreated from Tritchinopoly to their own country, left the. French government the representatives of all their rights and pretensions in the Carnatic; and the new Rheddy having for some time evaded to pay his tribute, Mr. Deleyrit, in the month of June fent 500 Europeans and 1000 Sepoys, under the command of M. Maissin, to punish his disobedience. Captain Calliaud, who had lately been appointed to the command of Tritchinopoly, prepared to oppose the attempt; but was forbidden by the prefidency of Madrass, who having enquired into the titles which the French afferted to the vaffalage of Terriore, was fatisfied of their validity. M. Maissin after some opposition took the principal town in the middle of the woods, deposed the Rheddy, and reinstated his antecessor. Encouragd by this fuccess, and more by the forbearance of the English, he marched against the Polygars of Arielore and Wariore pollam. The woods of these chiefs are almost contiguous, and both are extensive. That of Arielore begins about fifty miles to the N. E. of Tritchinopoly, and stretches north to the river Valaru; but Wariore lies farther to the Eastward, and extends Southward almost to the Coleroon. Both Polygars had at different times, during the war of Tritchinopoly paid money to redeem the skirts of their country from the ravages of the Morattoes;

Morattoes, but had never made any fubmifions of fealty either to the French or Myforeans, and at this time claimed the protection of the Nabob, whom they acknowledged as their only injector. The prefidency of Madrifs, therefore, now, without hefitation, ordered Calhaud to march from Tritchinopoly, and moreover threatened to fend a force from Madrafs, if Maiffin perfitted. M. Deley it det ried by this vigour, ordered him to defit, and diffributed his troops into the uncontefted diffricts, tubject to Pondicherry, nearer the fee coal Meanwhile, the prefidency of Madrafs, recommended to the Nabob

to come from Fritchinopoly and fettle with his family at Arcot, where Abdul wahab had created many disorders in the administration, laviding away the revenues with a foirit of diffication that then, terming away the fectuars was a spirit of amplaint that would foon have runed the province, even if it had long enjoyed the highest degree of prospertive. The Nabob acquiesced to this advice, and on the minth of July quitted I ritchinopoly, escorted by 300 Europeans and 1000 Sepoys, under the command of captain Police. It was at first intended that they frould proceed directly across the Cavers and Colescon in the high road to Arcot, but the rivers were at this time swelled, and full more risque was apprehended from Maiffin's party, then lving before Arielore It was therefore refolved to proceed through the country of Impore to Fort St David, where measures might be taken for the 1est of the rout, according to exigeneies When arrived at the village of Condore, the king fent his general Monae gee with a numerous train, to make his compliments to the Nabob I his interview, like most others between persons of such rank in Indostrin, pasked in the strongest and taltest protestations of an involable friendship, amongst other professions, Monae gee said, that his master kept 5000 horse ready to serve the Nabob, if necessary, in the Carnatie, and the Nabob, whilst he extelled with admiration this excellive mark of the king's love and friendling, while pered to captain Polier that it was all a he I roin Condore they proceeded by the nearest road to Fort St Divid, where admired Watfon with the fquadron under his command was then lying, having returned in the middle of May from the bay of Frinconomalee, to which they had repaired in order to word the fetting in of the fouthern

fouthern monfoon, because it is sometimes attended by a hurricane. The Nabob went on board the admiral's ship, the Kent, of fixty-four guns, and having never before feen the interior structure and arrangement of fuch a machine, could not suppress his astonishment, when conducted into the lower deck. The presidency of Madrass, seeing no probability of any interruption to his progress from Fort St. David, advifed him to continue his march without delay, but accompanied by the same escort. On the nineteenth of August he arrived within a mile of Arcot, and encamped on the plain, refolving by the advice of his dervises to wait for a lucky day to make his entry into the city, which fell out on the twenty-first. In the mean time; colonel Lawrence, Mr. Walsh, and Mr. Palk, deputed to invite him at Madrass. arrived at his camp, and contributed to increase the splendour and reputation of his entry into his capital, from which he had been abfent ever fince the death of Nazir-jing. On the thirtieth, he came to, Madraís, where after feveral conferences with the prefidency he confented to make over to the company some farther assignments on the revenues of the country, in order to reimburse the great expences they had incurred in the war. This important point being fettled, it was determined that he should proceed with a strong detachment to collect the revenues that were due to him from such chiefs as had hitherto withheld them with impunity, more particularly from feveral polygars in the northern parts of the province. It was agreed that half the monies which might be collected, should be paid to the company; and that a member of the council of Madrafs, should accompany the Nabob, in order to fee this agreement punctually fulfilled. The previous measures for the expedition were not settled before the montion fet in, after which it was necessary to wait some days until the first violence of the rains had abated; so that it was the latter end of October, before the detachment took the field. confifted of 300 Europeans and 1500 Sepoys, and was commanded by major Kilpatrick.

It foon appeared that whatfoever fubmissions had been made in the provinces of Madura and Tinivelly, during the expedition of colonel Heron, had proceeded intirely from the dread of the English troops, whose intropidity as well as the efficacy of their arms, far exceeded ceeded the modes of any warfare which had ever been feen in these countries, and they were no sooner departed than the Colleries swarmed abroad again into all the ful jested diffriels that thy exposed to their depredations, whilst their chiefs considerated to prevent by more effectual means the establishment of Maphuze Lhan's authority. From this time, these countries became a field of no little conflict, and continued so for several years, which renders it necessary to explain the various interests which produced the present confinious, setule afterwards of more.

When Allum khan in the beginning of the year 1752 marched from Madura to the affalance of Chunda faheb, then beinging Tritchanopoly, he left the countries of Madura and I mively under the management of three Pitan officers, named Mahomed Burky, Mahomed Mamach, and Nabi Cawn Catteck, the first of these was generally known by the appellation of Mianah, the fecond of Aloodemiah, but Nabi Cawn Catteck by his own proper name | The Nabob Mahomedally, when aiked by the prefidency of Madrafs for proofs to myalidite the pretentions of the Joverni sent of Pondicherry, produced a writing fud to be figured by their three officers, and dated the twentymuth of November, 1752, by which they acknowledged his fove-reignty over the countries of Madura and Timvelly, and professed themselves his fervants and subjects. At this time, Chundasaheb indeed had perified, but the Nabob himfelf was involved in fuch difficulties by the refentment of the My forems, that there does not appe ir any reaton why the Pitans thould and fuch a declaration, unless they did it from a conviction of the very little advantage which the Nabob could derive from it. It is certain they never afterwards heeded these professions of obedience, but continued to all without controul, and afted only for themfelves, granting immunities, remitting tributes, and even felling forts and diffricly for prefents of ready money This venality coinciding with the fpirit of independance and encroachment common to all the Polygurs, procured them not only wealth, but attachments In this mode of licentious government, they continued agreeing amongst themselves in the division of the food, and ruling with much power, until the expedition of colonel Heron, when Mianuh, who communded in the city of Mudura, abandoned

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abandoned it, and took refuge with the neighbouring Polygars of Nattam; Moodemiah and Nabi Cawn Catteck, retired from Tinivelly to the Polygar of Nellitangaville, better known by the name of Pulitaver. All the three only waited for the departure of the English troops, to dispute the dominion with Maphuze Cawn, when left to himself.

Amongst other alienations, Moodemiah had sold to the king of Travancore, a range of districts extending thirty miles from Calacad to Cape Comorin; and lying at the foot of the mountains which feparate Travancore from Tinivelly. The fort of Calacad with feveral others of less defence were fold with the districts. The kingdom of Travancore is the most southern division of the Malabar coast, ending on that fide, as Tinivelly on the eastern, at Cape Comorin. It was formerly of small extent, and paid tribute to Madura; but the present king, through a variety of successes, some of which had been gained against the Dutch, had added to his dominion, all the country as far as the boundaries of Cochin; fo that it now extended 120 miles along the fea, and inland as far as the mountains leave any thing worth conquering. With the affiftance of a French officer, named Launoy, the king had disciplined, in the method of European infantry, a body of 10,000 Naires: the people of this denomination, are by birth the military tribe of the Malabar coast, and affert in their own country even prouder pre-eminences than the Raipoots, who in other parts of India are likewise born with the same distinction. Befides these Naires, the king maintained 20,000 other foot, of various arms; but had very few horse, because little advantage can be derived from their fervice in his country, which is every where either covered with hills, or interfected by rivers. The diffricts which the king had purchased of Moodemiah, were maintained by about 2000 of his irregular foot, who having no enemies to oppose, were fufficient for the common guards and military attendance, which in Indostan always support the authority of the government in the collection of the revenues. But these troops on the arrival of the army with colonel Heron at Tinivelly, were so terrified by the reports of their exploits, and especially by the fanguinary example in their neighbourhood, at the facking of Nellicotah, that they abandoned not only their districts, but the fort

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of Calacad likewife, which were from after taken possession of by a detachment of 300 horse and 500 foot, sent by Maphuze Khan from Tinivelly. As foon as the English troops retired from before Nellitangaville, and it was known that they were recalled to Tritchinopoly. Moodemish went to Travancore in order to encourage the king to recover the diffricts which his troops had abandoned; at the fame time the Pulitaver, befides letting loofe his Colleries to plunder, formed a camp ready to move and join the Travancores as foon as they should arrive. Maphuze Khan received intelligence of these schemes and preparations, on his return from Nattam and Madura, and immediately proceeded to Timvelly.

Befides the 1000 Sepoys belonging to the Company which were left with him by colonel Heron, he received 600 more, raifed and fent to him by the Nabob; but these were in no respect equal to the company's, who had been trained in the campaigns of Tritchinopoly; and Maphuze Khan himfelf, having no military ideas, excepting that of levying troops, had augmented the force he brought with him from the Carnatic to 2500 horfe, and 4000 foot. Five hundred of the horse, and a thousand of the foot, were left to defend the city of Madura and its diffricts; but the company's Sepoys proceeded with him to Tinivelly. Before he arrived there, Moodemiah had returned with 2000 Naires, and the fame number of other foot, which the king of Travaneore had entrusted to his command. They were joined by the forces of the Pulitaver near Calacad; where the troops flationed by Maphuze Khan in these parts, assembled, gave battle, and were routed: three hundred of the Nabob's Sepoys were in the action, who, to lighten their flight, threw away their mulkets, which were collected by the Pulitaver's people, and regarded by them as a very valuable prize. Immediately after this fuccefs, the enemy invested the fugitives in the fort of Calacad; but before they could reduce it, the troops of Travancore returned home, pretending they were recalled by the emergency of fome diffurbances in their own country; however it is more probable, that they retreated from the dread of encountering the army, and more especially, the cavalry of Maphuze Khan, which were approaching. Moodemiah went with them, and the Pulitaver retired to his fort and woods, against which Fff

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Maphuze Khan proceeded, and encamped near the fort, which could not take; but in this fituation represed the incursion of the F taver's Colleries into the districts of Tinivelly, and content with advantage, gave out with oftentation that he had fettled the coun These vaunts were soon contradicted. In the month of Septem Moodemiah returned from Travancore, with a larger body of troand again defeated those of Calacad, who in this battle suffered m than in the former; for 200 of their horse and 500 Sepoys were m prisoners; and, what aggravated the loss, it was the time of harv when the rents are collected, of which the Travancores took pol fion, and maintained their ground. Maphuze Khan, nevertheless, c tinued before the Pulitaver's place; whose troops in the month of . vember, cut off a detachment of two companies of Sepoys which been fent to escort provisions; they were of those belonging to company, and the commanders of both were killed. No other n tary events of any consequence happened in these parts during rest of the year.

The reduction and maintenance of Madura and Tinivelly, w not the only interests in the southern countries, which perplexed, occupied the attention of the English presidency. In the month June, they were furprized by a quarrel between their own allies king of Tanjore and the Polygar Tondiman, which had proceeded hostilities, before any suspicions were entertained of the animosity. was obvious that this quarrel, if not timely reconciled, would prod the defection of one or other of them to the Nabob's enemies. I presidency, therefore, immediately ordered them, in perempt terms, to cease all military operations; proffering, however, th mediation; and ordered captain Calliaud to enquire into the car of the dispute; who after two journies to Tanjore, and several co ferences with the king, with Monac-gee, and with Tondima brother, could only collect the following obscure account of it; averse were all parties to tell the truth. In the year 1749, the ki fent Monac-gee to attack Arandanghi, a fort of strength and no belonging to the lesser Moravar. Monac-gee finding his own for infufficient, asked affistance of Tondiman, who stipulated in retuthe ceffion of Kelli-nelli-cotah and its districts, valued at 300,0

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rupees a year. Arandanghi was reduced, Tondiman took poffelhon of the districts, and pressed Monac-gee for the patents of cession under the king's feal; but the king difarowed the act of his general; on which Monac-gee purloined the use of the seal, and delivered the patents thus apparently authenticated, according to his promife. Towards the end of 1749, Tanjore, as we have feen, was invaded by Murzafa-jing and Chundafaheb: the fubfequent wars fufpended the dispute between the king and the Polygar, whilft the common danger continued; but that naffed, the broil was at this time renewed with inveteracy. Monacgee, having when difgraced in 1753 taken refuge with Toudiman, full bore him good will; working on which, and the king's timidity. captain Calliaud flopped the hostilities which were begun, and prevented the renewal of them until the end of September; when the king grown impatient, peremptorily ordered Monac-gee to march: at the fame time, Tondiman could not be induced to make any step towards an accommodation, but faid he should defend himself. On this, Calliand made preparations at Tritchinopoly, as if he intended to take the field against both, which stopped the progress of the Tanjorines for fome days more, when they moved again; but Monac-gee having; by the king's order, demanded affiftance from the little Moravar, contrived to make him withhold his troops; by which, with the pretences of want of money, and the fear of Calliaud, he protracted his inactivity until the end of December, and then returned to Tanjore. without having done Tondiman any harm.

In the Carnatic, no events tending to holdilities between the governments of Madrafi and Pondicherry happened during the reft of the year after the French troops retreated from before Arielore; but a tedious and intricate controverfy was maintained between them concerning fome districts in the neighbourhood of Carangoly and Outramalore, which the French had taken possession of, without any right they could prove. The dispute, however, after some sharp altereations, was settled by an agreement to divide the contested districts equally between the two nations.

The French committary, Mr. Godeheu, had continued Mr. Buffy in the management of affairs in the northern parts of the Decan, with the fame authorities as bad been given to him by Mr. Dupleix: Mr. Buffy remained in the ceded provinces from his arrival at Mafuli-

patnam in July 1754, to the end of that year, continually employed in fettling the government, and often either marching in person, or fending detachments to collect the revenues from the Polygars or chiefs of the woodland countries, who, trufting to their wilds and fastnesses, never pay but at the point of the sword. In the beginning of the year 1755, he returned to Hyderabad, where he found Salabad-jing ready to proceed with all his forces against the kingdom of Mysore, in order to collect a long arrear of tribute, which, he pretended, was owing from this country to the Mogul government. The French company was by treaty in alliance with the regent of My fore who well deserved their services, in return for the expences he had incurred in affifting them during the war of Tritchinopoly. On the other hand; the French troops with Mr. Bully were obliged to affift Salabad-jing against any powers whom he might think proper to treat as enemies; for it was on this condition, without any exception of the Myforeans, that he had given the northern maritime provinces to the French company. In this perplexity, Mr. Buffy refolved to distress the Mysoreans as little as possible by military operations, and to use his best endeavours to reconcile their differences with the Soubah. But when his army entered their country, Mr. Buffy, contrary to his inclination, was obliged to co-operate in the reduction of feveral forts; although he all the while corresponded with the miniftry of Myfore, recommending terms of accommodation. The regent was still before Tritchinopoly, and the ministry suspecting that any manifestation of eagerness to make peace, would induce more imperious conditions, thut themselves up with the best of their forces, and feemed determined to fustain a fiege in the capital of Seringapatnam. But an unexpected event, of which Mr. Buffy took advantage, foon made them change this resolution; for Balagerow, at this very time; was advancing from Poni with a great army of Morattoes, in order to levy contributions in the country of Mysore; and the ministry judging it better to pay one, than fight two enemies, followed Mr. Buffy's advice, and invited Salabad-jing to come and encamp his whole army under the walls of Seringapatnam; acknowledging his authority, and confenting to pay on account of the arrears due to the Mogul government, five millions and two hundred thousand rupees. At the same time,

time, Vir Buffy negociated with Balagerow, to diffuade him from ravaging the Myfore country, who finding he could not profecute his intentions without incurring the hofblities of Salabad jing, and perhaps gratified by a part of the contributions levied, returned quietly Salabad jung quitted Senngapatnam in April, and in his return to Hyderabad exacted the fubmiffions and levied the tributes due from feveral Polygues of Vizinpore. The army arrived at Hyderabad in the beginning of July, and were not employed in any other militars operations during the remainder of the year

The English foundron found no enemies to encounter, nor any other occasion of active fervice on the coast of Coromandel since their return from Bombay in the month of Junuary, but it may be supposed that their appearance awed the government of Pondicherry, and contrabuted not a little to produce that moderation which prevailed in the French councils after the conclusion of the conditional treats. They came from Fort St David to Madrafs in the end of July, and departed from thence on the 10th of October, in order to 710 d the northern monfoon On the 10th of November, they arrived at Bombay, where they found feveral of the company's flaps lately arrived from England, with a confiderable number of troops, fent with an intention to be employed on a special expedition projected in London

The Lift-India company, whilft uncertain of the event of the negociation in India, received advices of the acquifitions which Mr Buffyhad obtained from Salabid jing, and concluding very juftly that negociation, alone would not induce the French to quit fuch great idvantages, they determined to flrike at their power in the northern parts of the Decin by more effectual means. Amengabid, the capital of this division of the Mogul empire, hes no more than one bundred and fifty miles well of Bombay, and the country of the Morattoes between both a friendly intercourse had for some time been kept up by the prefidency of Bomby with the Saha Raigh, and from the frequent hoftilities which had been carried on by his general Balagerow against Salabad jing, it was imagined that the Morattoes might be ren I red very instrumental in removing the French troops from the fervice of this prince t was therefore determined to affift Bulagerow with a force of Europeans the first time he should

march against Salabad-jing, who it was hoped would be so much alarmed by this measure as to consent to dismiss the French troops from his service, on condition that the English retired from the banners of the Morattoes: and if he persisted in his attachment to the French, it was determined to weary him into a compliance by vigorous hostilities, in conjunction with the Morattoes.

This enterprize required a commander of much experience in the military and political fystems of the country; and captain Clive, who was at this time preparing to return to India, offered to conduct it: the company had rewarded the fervices which this officer had already rendered, by appointing him governor of Fort St. David, and by obtaining for him a commission of lieutenant-colonel in the king's service; but from that dependance on the ministry to which their affairs will always be subject, whilst engaged in military operations, the court of directors, in compliance with very powerful recommendations, appointed lieutenant-colonel Scot to command the expedition. This officer went to India in the preceding year, in the post of engineer-general of all their fettlements, but died foon after his arrival at Madrafs. The company, however, for fear that this or any other accident might prevent him from undertaking the expedition, defired colonel Clive to proceed to Bombay before he went to the coast of Coromandel, that if necessary he might be ready to supply colonel Scot's place. The troops fent from England for this fervice were three companies of the king's artillery, each of 100 men, and 300 recruits; who arrived at Bombay in the end of October; where colonel Clive finding that colonel Scot was dead, proposed to the presidency to undertake the plan recommended to them; but they, possessed by too much caution, imagined that it could not be carried into execution without infringing the convention made by Messrs. Saunders and Godeheu: this judgment, however, had no foundation either in the truce or in the conditional treaty, in which all mention, both of Salabad-jing and of the French troops in his fervice, feemed to have been studiously avoided. The court of directors had explained their whole plan to the prefidency of Madrass; but the ship which had the letters on board was unfortunately wrecked on a rock lying eight hundred miles to the east of the Cape of Good Hope, within fight of the continent of Africa; and the

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prefidency of Bombay not providing for fuch an accident, but fearful that the letters they might write on this subject would be intercepted by the French, contented themselves with only sending to Madrass advices of the arrival of colonel Clive with the troops, without explaining their deflination; however, fleuder as this information was, it fersed to suggest to some members of the council the whole extent of the company's intentions; in confequence of which they formed a plan for the conduct of it, which they recommended in the firongest terms to the prefidency of Bombay; but before these letters arrived, that prefidency had taken the refolution of employing all their force, in conjunction with Mr. Watfon's fquadron, against another enemy, who had long been formidable to the English commerce on that side of India.

The Malabar coast, from cape Comorin to Surat, is intersected by a great number of rivers, which disembogue into the sea; it appears that from the earliest antiquity the inhabitants have had a strong propenfity to piracy, and at this day all the different principalities on the coast employ vessels to cruize upon those of all other nations which they can overpower. The Mogul empire, when it first extended its dominion to the fea in the northern parts of this coaft, appointed an admiral called the Sidee, with a fleet to protect the veffels of their Mahometan fubjects trading to the gulphs of Arabia and Perfia, from the Malabar pirates, as well as from the Portugueze. The Morattoes were at that time in possession of several forts between Goa and Bombay, and finding themselves interrupted in their piracies by the Mogul's admiral, they made war against him by sea and land. In this war one Conagee Angria raifed himfelf from a private man to be commander in chief of the Morattoe fleet, and was entrufted with the government of Severndroog, one of their ftrongest forts, built upon a finall rocky island which lies about eight miles to the north of Dabul, and within cannon that of the continent: here Conagee revolted against the Saha Rajah, or king of the Morattoes, and having feduced part of the fleet to follow his fortune, he with them took and defroyed the reft. The Saha Rajah endeavoured to reduce him to obedience by building three forts upon the main land, within point blank shot of Severndroog; but Couagee took these forts likewise, and in a few years got

possession of all the sea coast, from Tamanah to Bancoote, extending 120 miles, together with the inland country as far back as the mountains, which in some places are thirty, in others twenty miles from the sea. His successor, who have all borne the name of Angria, strengthened themselves continually, insomuch that the Morattoes having no hopes of reducing them, agreed to a peace on condition that Angria should acknowledge the sovereignty of the Saha Rajah, by paying him a small annual tribute; but they nevertheless retained a strong animosity against him, and determined to avail themselves of any favourable opportunity to recover the territories he had wrested from them.

In the mean time the piracies which Angria exercised upon ships of all nations indifferently, who did not purchase his passes, rendered him every day more and more powerful. The land and fea breezes on this coast, as well as on that of Coromandel, blow alternately in the twenty-four hours, and divide the day; fo that veffels failing along the coast are obliged to keep in fight of land, since the land-winds do not reach more than forty miles out to fea: there was not a creek, bay, harbour, or mouth of a river along the coast of his dominions, in which he had not erected fortifications and marine receptacles, to ferve both as a station of discovery, and as a place of refuge to his vessels; hence it was as difficult to avoid the encounter of them, as to take them. His fleet confifted of grabs and galivats, veffels peculiar to the Malabar coast. The grabs have rarely more than two masts, although some have three; those of three are about 300 tons burthen; but the others are not more than 150: they are built to draw very little water, being very broad in proportion to their length, narrowing however from the middle to the end, where inflead of bows they have a prow, projecting like that of a Mediterranean galley, and covered with a ftrong deck level with the main deck of the vessel, from which, however, it is separated by a bulk head which terminates the forecastle: as this construction subjects the grab to pitch violently when failing against a head sea, the deck of the prow is not enclosed, with fides as the rest of the vessel is, but remains bare, that the water which dashes upon it may pass off without interruption: on the main deck under the forecastle are mounted two pieces of cannon of nine or twelve pounders, which point for-

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wards through the port holes cut in the bulk head, and fire over the prow; the cannon of the broadfide are from fix to nine pounders. The gallivats are large row-boats built like the grab, but of smaller dimensions, the largest rarely exceeding 70 tons: they have two masts, of which the mizen is very flight; the main maft bears only one fail, which is triangular and very large, the peak of it when hoisted being much higher than the mast itself. In general the gallivats are covered with a fpar deck, made for lightness of bamboes split, and these carry only petteraroes, which are fixed on fwiscls in the gunnel of the veffel; but those of the largest fize have a fixed deck on which they mount fix or eight pieces of cannon, from two to four pounders : they have forty or fifty flout oars, and may be rowed four miles an hour.

Eight or ten grabs, and forty or fifty gallivats, crowded with men, generally composed Angria's principal fleet destined to attack ships of force or burthen. The veffel no fooner came in fight of the port or bay where the fleet was lying, than they flipped their cables and put out to fea: if the wind blew, their conftruction enabled them to fail almost as fast as the wind; and if it was calm, the gallivats 10wing towed the grabs: when within cannon fhot of the chace they generally affembled in her stern, and the grabs attacked her at a diftance with their prow guns, firing first only at the masts, and taking . aim when the three masts of the vessel just opened all together to their view; by which means the flot would probably firike one or other of the three. As foon as the chace was difmasted, they came nearer and battered her on all fides until the flauck; and if the defence was obfunate, they fent a number of gallivats with two or three hundred men in each, who boarded fword in hand from all quarters in the fame inflant.

It was now fifty years that this piratical state had rendered itselfformidable to the trading ships of all the European nations in India, and the English East-India company had kept up a marine force at the annual expence of fifty thousand pounds to protect their own thips, as well as those belonging to the merchants established in their colonies; for as no yelfel could with prudence venture fingly to pass by Angria's dominious, the trade was convoyed at particular times up and down the fea coasts by the company's armed vessels. But as

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this force confifted only of four grabs, two of which, however, mounted twenty guns, and fix gallivats, it was deemed capable of nothing more than to protect the trade; and indeed it scarcely ever did any mischief to the enemy, who sailing much better than the Bombay fleet, never fought them longer than they thought proper: in the mean time, Angria seldom failed to take such ships as ventured to sail without company along his coast. About twenty-eight years ago they took the Darby, a ship belonging to the company, richly laden from England, and more lately a three mast grab of the Bombay fleet: they likewise took a forty gun ship belonging to the French company; and in February, 1754, they overpowered three Dutch ships, of 50, 36, and 18, guns, which were failing together, burning the two largest, and taking the other. In 1722, commodore Matthews with a squadron of three ships of the line, in conjunction with a Portugueze army from Goa, attacked one of their forts called Coilabby, but by the cowardice of the Portugueze the attempt proved unfuccessful: and two years after that expedition, the Dutch with equal ill success attacked Gheria with seven ships, two bomb vessels; and a body of land forces. From this time his forts were deemed impregnable, as his fleet was with reason esteemed formidable. by his constant good fortune, the pirate threw off his allegiance to the Morattoes: it is faid that he cut off the nofes of their ambassadors who came to demand the tribute he had agreed to pay to the Saha Rajah: The Morattoes who were in possession of the main land opposite to Bombay, had several times made proposals to the English government in the island, to attack this common enemy with their united forces,. but it was not before the beginning of the present year that both parties happened to be ready at the same time to undertake such an expedition. The presidency then made a treaty with Rama-gee Punt, the Saha Rajah's general in these parts, and agreed to assist the Morattoes with their marine force in reducing Severndroog, Bancoote,. and some others of Angria's forts, which he near to Choul, a harbour and fortified city belonging to the Morattoes. Accordingly commodore James, the commander in chief of the company's marine force in India, failed on the 22d of March in the Protector of 44 guns, with a ketch of 16 guns, and two bomb vessels; but such was the exaggerated: opinion

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opinion of Angria's strong holds, that the presidency instructed him not tu expose the company's reffels to any risque by attacking them, but only to blockade the harbours whilft the Morattoe army carried un their operations by land. Three days after the Morattoe fleet, confifting of feven grabs and fixty gallivats, came out of Choul, having on board 10,000 land forces, and the fleets united proceeded to Comara-bay, where they anchored in order to permit the Morattoes to get their meal on thore, fince they are prohibited by their religion from eating or washing at lea. Departing from hence they anchored again about fifteen miles to the north of Severndroog, when Rama-gee Punt with the troops difembarked in order to proceed the rest of the way by land: commodore James new receiving intelligence that the enemy's fleet lay at anchor in the harbour of Severndroog, represented to the admiral of the Morattoe fleet, that by proceeding immediately thither they might come upon them in the night, and fo effectually blockade them in the harbour that few or none would be able to efeane. The Morattoe feemed highly to approve the propoful, but had not authority enough over his officers to make any of them flir before the morning, when the enemy discovering them under fail, immediately flinned their cables and put to fea. The commodore then flung out the fignal for a general chafe; but as little regard was paid to this as to his former intention; for although the veffels of the Morattoes had hitherto failed better than the English, fuch was their terfor of Angria's fleet, that they all kept behind, and fuffered the Protector to proceed alone almost out of their fight. The enemy on the other hand exerted themselves with uncommon industry, slinging overboatd all their lumber to lighten their veffels, not only crowding all the fails they could bend, but also hanging up their garments, and even their turbans, to eatch every breath of air. The Protector, however, came within gun-flot of fome of the sternmost, but the evening approaching, commodore James gave over the thace, and returned to Severndroog, which he had paffed several miles. Here he found Rama-gee Punt with the army belieging, as they faid, the three forts on the main land; but they were firing only from one gun, a four pounder, at the distance of two miles, and even at this distance the troops did not think themselves safe without digging pits, in which Ggg2

they sheltered themselves covered up to the chin from the enemy's fire. The commodore judging from these operations, that they would never take the forts, determined to exceed the infiructions which he had received from the prefidency, rather than expose the English arms to the difference they would funder, if an expedition in which they were believed by Angria to have taken fo great a thare, fhould miscarry. The next day, the 2d of April he began to cannonade and bombard the fort of Severndroog, fituated on the ifland; but finding that the walls on the western side which he attacked, were mostly cut out of the folid rock, he changed his station to the northeast between the illand and the main; where whilst one of his broadfides plied the north-east bastions of this fort, the other fired on fort Goa, the largest of those upon the main land. The bastion; of Severndroog, however, were fo high, that the Protector could only point her upper tier at them; but being anchored within a hundred yards, the musketry in the round tops drove the enemy from their guns, and by noon the parapet of the north-east baltion was in ruins; when a shell from one of the bomb velfels set fire to a thatched house, which the garrison, dreading the Protector's musketry, were afraid to extinguish: the blaze spreading siercely at this dry season of the year,. all the buildings of the fort were foon in flames, and amongst them a magazine of powder blew up. On this difatter the inhabitants, men, women and children, with the greatest part of the garrison, in all near 1000 persons, ran out of the fort, and embarking in seven or eight large-boats, attempted to make their escape to fort Goa; butthey were prevented by the English ketches, who took them all. The Protector now directed her fire only against fort Goa; where the enemy, after fuffering a fevere cannonade, hung out a flag as a figual of furrender; but whilft the Morattoes were marching to take possession of it, the governor perceiving that the commodore had. not yet taken possession of Severndroog, got into a boat with some: of his most trusty men, and crossed over to the island, hoping to beable to maintain the fort until he should receive assistance from Dabul, which is in fight of it: Upon this the Protector renewed her fire upon Severndroog, and the commodore finding that the governor wanted to protract the defence until night, when it was not to be doubted that: fome.

fenie boats from Dabul would endeavour to throw fuccours into the place, he landed half his feamen, under cover of the fire of the thips, who with great intrepidity ran up to the gate, and cutting down the fally port with their axes, forced their way into it; on which the garrison furrendered: the other two forts on the main land had by this time hung out flags of truce, and the Morattoes took poffession of them. This was all the work of one day, in which the fpirited refolution of commodore James deflroyed the timorous prejudices which had for twenty years been entertained of the impracticability of reducing any of Angria's fortified harbours.

On the 8th of April, the fleet and army proceeded to Bancoote, a fortified ifland which commands a harbour lying about fix miles to the north of Severndroog. The place, terrified by the fate of Severndroog, furrendered on the first furnmons, and the Morattoes confented that ' the company should keep it. It is now called fort Victoria, and the country about it being subject to the Sidee, is inhabited by Mahomedans, who contribute to supply Bombay with beeves, which it is very difficult to procure in other parts of the coast, as they are under the juradiction of princes of the fricteft eaft of the Indian religion, who worthin the cow, and regard the killing of that animal as the greatest of crimes.

Rama-gee Punt was fo clated by thefe fuccesses, that he offered commodore James 200,000 rupees if he would immediately proceed against Dabul, and some other of the enemy's forts, a little to the fouthward of that place; and certainly this was the time to attack them, during the conflernation into which the enemy were thrown by the loffes they had just fustained. But the stormy monsoon, which on this coast sets in at the end of April, was approaching, and the commodore having already exceeded his orders, would not venture to comply with the Morattoe's request without permission from Bombay: however, in order to obtain it as expeditionfly as possible, he failed away thither in the Protector; but found the prefidency, notwithflanding the unexpected fueceffes of their arms, full poffeffed by their ancient spirit of caution, and so sollicitous for the fate of one of their bomb ketches, a heavy flat bottomed boat incapable of keeping the fea in tempestuous weather, that they ordered him to bring back the fleet into harbour without delay. Accordingly on the 11th he delivered.

livered the forts of Severndroog to the Morattoes, striking the English slag, which for the honour of their arms he had hitherto caused to be hoisted in them; and on the 15th sailed away with his ships to Bombay: the Morattoe sleet at the same time returned to Choul.

The fquadron under the command of Mr. Watson arrived at Bombay in the November following, and the fair season being now returned, the presidency with the Morattoes renewed their intentions of attacking Angria; Mr. Watfon readily confenting to affift them with the force under his command. It was determined, if practicable, to strike at once at the root of Angria's power, by attacking Gheria, the capital of his dominions, and the principal harbour and arfenal of his marine force: but it was fo long fince any Englishman had seen this place, that trufting to the report of the natives, they believed it to be at least as firong as Gibraltar, and like that fituated on a mountain inacceffible from the fea; for this reason it was resolved to send vessels to reconnoitre ît, which service commodore James, in the Protector, with two other ships, performed. He found the enemy's fleet at anchor in the harbour, notwithstanding which he approached within cannon shot of the fort, and having attentively considered it, returned at the end of December to Bombay, and described the place, such as it really was, very strong indeed, but far from being inaccessible or impregnable.

Upon his representation, it was resolved to prosecute the expedition with vigour. The Morattoe army under the command of Ramagee Punt, marched from Choul, and the twenty gun ship, with the sloop of Mr. Watson's squadron, were sent forward to blockade the harbour, where they were soon after joined by commodore James, in the Protector, and another ship, which was of 20 guns, belonging to the company. On the 11th of February the admiral, with the rest of the ships arrived. The whole sleet now united, consisted of sour ships of the line, of 70, 64, 60, and 50 guns, one of 44, three of 20, a grab of 12, and sive bomb ketches, in all sourteen vessels. Besides the seamen, they had on board a battalion of 800 Europeans with 1000 Sepoys under the command of lieutenant-colonel Clive.

The famous fortress of Gheria is situated on a promontory of rocky land about a mile long and a quarter broad, lying about a mile from

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· the entrance of a large harbour, which forms the mouth of a river descending from the Balagat mountains. The promontory projects " to the fouth-west, on the right of the harbour as you enter; it is on the fides contiguous to the water inclosed by a continued rock about fifty feet high, on which are built the fortifications. These are a double wall with round towers, the inward wall rifing feveral feet above the outward. The neck of land by which the promontory joins to the continent, is a narrow fand, beyond which, where the ground begins to expand itself, is built a large open town or pettah, for the habitation of fuch persons whose attendance is not constantly required in the fort. The river directing its course to the south-west washes the north fides of the town, of the neck of land, and of the promontory; on the neck of land are the docks in which the grabs are built and repaired, from whence they are launched into the river; ten of them, among it which was that taken from the company, were now lying in the river, all tied together, almost opposite to the docks-

Angtia, on the appearance of the fleet, was fo terrified that he left his town to be defended by his brother, and went and put himself into the hands of the Morattoes, who having croffed the river at fome distance from the sea, were already encamped to the eastward of the pettah. Here he endeavoured to prevail on Rama-gee Punt to accept of a ransom for his fort, offering a large sum of money if he would divert the storm that was ready to break upon him: but the Morattoe availing himself of his sears, kept him a prisoner, and extorted from him an order, directing hus brother to deliver the fortress to the Morattoes, intending if he could get possession of it in this clandestine manner, to exclude his allies the English from any share of the plunder.

The admiral receiving intelligence of these proceedings, sent a summons to the fort on the morning after his arrival, and receiving no answer, ordered the ships to weigh in the afternoon as soon as the sea-wind set, in: they proceeded in two divisions, parallel to each other, the larger covering the bomb ketches and smaller vessels from the site of the fort: as soon as they had passed the point of the promontory, they stood into the river, and anchoring along the north side of the fortifications, began, at the distance of sity yards, to batter them.

them with 150 pieces of cannon; the bomb ketches at the same time plied their mortars, and within ten minutes after the firing began, a shell fell into one of Angria's grabs, which fet her on are; the rest " being fallened together with her, foon thared the fame fate, and in less than an hour this fleet, which had for fifty years been the terror of the Malabar coast, was utterly destroyed. In the mean time the cannonade and bombardment continued furioufly, and filenced the enemy's fire; but the governor, however, did not furrender when the night fet in. Intelligence being received from a deferter that he intended to give up the place the next day to the Morattors, colonel Clive landed with the troops; and in order to prevent the Morattoes from carrying their scheme into execution, took up his ground between them and the fort. Early in the mojning the admiral fummoned the place again, declaring that he would renew the attack, and give no quarter if it was not delivered up to him in an hour: in anfwer to which the governor defired a cellation of hosfilities until the next morning, alledging that he only waited for orders from Angria to comply with the fummons. The cannonade was therefore renewed at four in the afternoon; and in less than half an hour the garrison hung out a flag of truce, but nevertheless they did not strike their colours, nor confent to admit the English troops; the ships therefore repeated their fire with more vivacity than ever; and the garrison, unable to stand the shock any longer, called out to the advanced guard. of the troops on shore that they were ready to surrender: upon which lieutenant-colonel Clive immediately marched up, and took possession of the fort. It was found that notwithstanding the cannonade had destroyed most of the artificial works upon which they fired, the rock remained a natural and almost impregnable bulwark; fo that if the enemy had been endowed with courage fufficient to have maintained the place to extremity, it could only have been taken by regular approaches on the land side. There were found in it 200 pieces of cannon, fix brass mortars, and a great quantity of ammunition, and military and naval stores of all kinds: the money and effects of other kinds, amounted to 120,000 pounds sterling. All this booty was divided amongst the captors, without any reserve either for the nation or the company. Besides the vessels which were set on sire during

during the attack, there were two ships, one of them 40 guns, upon the slocks, both of which the captors destroyed. Whilst the fleet were employed in taking on board the plonder, the Morattoes sent detachments to summon several other forts, which surrendered without making any resistance: thus in less than a month, they got possession of all the territories wrested from them by Angria's predecessor, and which they had for seventy years despaired of ever being able to recover. In the beginning of April, the steet returned to Bombay, where Mr. Watson repaired his squadron, and fashing from thence on the 28th of April, arrived at Madras on the 12th of May.

The detachment fent from hence with the Nabob to collect the tribotes from the northern Polygars, made their progress without being obliged to commit any hothlities. About 50 miles to the northward of Madrais, are the diffricts of three principal Polygars, named, Bangar Yatcham, Damerla Venkitapah, and Bom-rawze: the first is in possession of Cottapatam, situated on the sea shore, about 65 miles north of Madrafs, and his principal town Venkati Gherri is to miles inland from the fea. The diffricts of Dametla Venkitanah extended to the north and west of Hangar Yatcham's, but stretch on the western side more to the south; westward of these he the districts of Bom-rawze, which extend fill farther to the fouth, and approuch within 30 miles of the city of Arcot. All the three Polygars confented to acknowledge the Nabob, and compounded their tributes. Bangar Yatcham agreeing to pay 140,000 rupees, Damerla 100,000, and Bom-raw ze 80,000. Thefe fums were not equal to the arrears they owed the government; but were accepted, because it would have been imprudent to have vexed them to defection, as the rocks and noods of their countries form an excellent barrier to the more fouthern parts of the Carnatic; and indeed the Nabob himfelf was very anxious to draw the army from their districts, in order to employ it against a feudatory of much greater consequence. This was Mortizally, the Phonfilar of Velore, whose riches, extensive territory, and the vicinity of his capital to Acot, rendered him almost as considerable in the province as the Nabob himfelf: the independance affected by this odious rival preyed upon the Nabob's mind fo much, that the prefidency, in compliance with his repeated and earnest follicitations, Hhh. determined

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determined to give him the fatisfaction of attempting to reduce the city of Velore. Accordingly the detachment returning to Arcot from the expedition against the Polygars was reinforced with two hundred Europeans, two eighteen pounders, and several companies of Sepojs: the whole now rounting to 500 men in battalion, with 1500 Sepoys, encamped the 30th of January within cannon shot to the fouth of Velore. The Phousdar having early intelligence of their approach, applied for affiftance to Mr. de Leyrit, the governor of Pondicherry, who wrote to the prefidency of Madrass, that he regarded their proceedings against 'Velore, as a breach of the truce, and should commence hostilities if the English troops were not immediately withdrawn; as a proof of which intention, he ordered 700 Europeans, with 2000 Sepoys, to take the field: this vigorous refolution probably proceeded from his knowing that the English squadion were preparing for the expedition against Angria, which would for some months delay their return to the coast of Coromandel. At the same time that major Kilpatrick was alarmed by the approach of fuch an enemy in his rear, he found the place he was come against, much too strong to be reduced by the force under his command: Mortizally likewise had his anxieties; for next to the dread of-being vigoroully attacked, nothing was so terrible to him as the necessity of admitting a body of French troops into his fort; although to amuse the English, he publickly declared that he should not hesitate to take this step if they commenced hostilities. Both sides therefore, having cogent reasons to avoid them, a negociation was opened, and Mahomed Issoof went into Velore to settle the terms. In the mean time, the Phoufdar's agent at Madiass, finding the presidency disconcerted by the resolution which the French had taken, made proposals in behalf of his master; and the presidency deeming it impossible to subdue the place in the present conjuncture, determined to withdraw their troops and make peace with him, provided he would pay the company 100,000 rupees. In consequence of this resolution, a member of the council was deputed to Velore, who on his arrival at the camp, found that the Phousdar had agreed to pay major Kilpatrick 400,000 rupecs, if he would immediately retire with the army, and that he had already fent out some sealed bags of money, which, as he said, contained

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tamed 20,000 rupees, in part of the fum stipulated. But by this time the Phoufdur's agent was returned from Madrais to Velore, having by fome very unaccountable means obtained information of the whole extent of the deputy's instructions; this man now came to the camp, and told the deputy what he knew, adding that his mafter was ready to pay the 100,000 rapees. In this dilemma the deputy thought best to deny the purport of his commission, and to pretend that he was only fent from Madrafs to receive the money, which had been offered to major Kilpatrick; and in order to perplex the agent, he took the resolution of returning inn educely to Arcot, faying that he should leave major Kilpatrick to finish his own work, and if necessary to commence hospitities. This alarmed the Phonfiltr not a little, and he immediately fent meffengers to defire the French troops to advance; but at the fame time fent his agent after the deputy to Arcot, defiring a conference with him at Velore, and promuling, with much feeming fubmillion, to agree to whatfoever the English might determine in regard to his dispute with the Nabob. Upon this the deputy returned to the camp, and went into the town accompanied by Mahomed Isloof and two English officers. After a fumptuous dinner they retired with the Phousdar into a private room; who, instead of making any overtures to pay the money which he had offered to major Kilpatrick, denied that he had ever made fuch agreement: upon this Mahomed Iffoof, who had conducted that bufiness. related what had paffed,' to which the Phousdar with great composure replied, that all he afferted was a lie. Mahomed Isloof starting from his feat, clapped his hand to his dagger, the Phoufdar raifed his voice, and the guards of the palace began to be in motion towards the room, but the deputy interpoling, convinced him that his own fafety depended on forbidding them to approach: after which the conference was re-affumed However, the Phoufdar thewed no inclination to pay more than 200,000 rupees, for which he infifted on receiving, from the prefidency of Madrafs, a promife that, he shouldingt in future be molested, either by the Nabob or themfelves. The deputy thinking fuch a fum no compensation for excluding them from taking advantage of a more favourable opportunity to reduce the place, broke up the conference, and returned to the

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camp; imagining however, that the Phousdar would foon recollect the impolicy of his conduct, in refuging to comply with his agreement. But by this time the French troops were advanced as far as Arni, and the English not venturing to commence hostilities, no farther propofals were received from him; major Kilpatrick returned foon after with the army to Arcot, and the French troops retired to Pondicherry. The prefidency of Madrass were not forry that the negociation as well as the intended hostilities broke up in this manner; for they had marched against Velore only to indulge the Nabob, being convinced themselves that their force, even without any interruption from the French, was infufficient to reduce the place; which opinion was confirmed to them by the opinion of feveral of their officers, as well as the deputy, who described it as one of the strongest holds in sudostan; at the same time that its situation and domain rendered it of such importance, that all the supposed treasures of the Phousdar would not have been a compensation for exempting it from the authority of Arcot. The conclusion of this fruitless attempt enabled the presidency to profecuté the reduction of the countries of Madura and Tinivelly.

Maphuze-Khan, after loitering before the Pulitaver's place until the middle of November, returned to Tinivelly, in order to borrow money for the payment of his troops, which could only be obtained by giving assignments of the land to the lenders. Mean while the Pulitaver with Moodemiah and Nabi Cawn Catteck, encouraged by their late fuccesses extended their views. The Pulitaver, more from the fubtilty and activity of his character, than the extent of his territory and force, had acquired the ascendance in the councils of all the western Polygars of Tinivelly: of these, the most powerful was the Polygar of Vadagherri, whose districts adjoin on the west to the Pulitaver's, and exceeded them in extent and inhabitants: he nevertheless conformed to whatsoever the Pulitaver suggested, and sent his men on every call. The Polygars to the eastward of Tinivelly were under the direction of Catabominaig. The Pulitaver proposed an union between the two divisions; but Catabominaig, as well as his dependant of Etiaporum, having given hostages to colonel Heron, who were in prison at Tritchinopoly, feared for their safety, and resused. The Polygars of Madura, whose districts lie along the foot of the mountains

mountains to the west, were follicited with more success, and promised their affistance. Mianab, the fugitive colleague of Moodemiah, and Nabi Cawn Catteck, at the same time spirited up the Polygars of Nattam to join the league, of which the immediate object was nothing less than to get possession of the city of Madura.

Such an extensive confederacy could scarcely be kept a secret. The prefidency of Madrafs received intelligence of it from captain Calhaud, who commanded in Tritchinopoly, and the Nabob from the governor of Madura. They were, and with reason, greatly alarmed; for Madura, by its fituation, extent, and defences, is the bulwark both of its own and the territory of Timivelly, over neither of which Tritchinopoly could maintain any authority, if Madura were wrested from its dependance. The prefidency, although from the first convinced of Maphuze-Khan's incapacity, had hitherto, from deference to the Nabob, treated him with indulgence and respect but seeing now the whole brought into risque by the successes and defigns of the Polygars, they determined to take the administration of these countries into their own hands A native of Timivelly, named Moodilee. came about this time to Madrass, and made proposals to take the whole country at farm; but it required time to gain the knowledge necessary to adjust the terms Mean while it was immed ately necesfary to provide for the defence of the country, but as no part of the European force could be spared from the services of the Carnatic, it was refolved to fend a thousand Sepoys, which were to be joined by those left with Maphuze Khan, as well as those belonging to the Nabob, and to put the whole of this body under the command of Mahamed Isloof, whose vigorous and enterprising services had been recompensed by a commission appointing him commander in chief of all the Sepoys entertained by the company he proceeded to Tritchinopoly, foon after the Euglish army returned from Velore; and captain Calliaud was instructed to fend him forward with the appointed force and equipments

Meanwhile the Pulitaver, Nabi Cawn Catteck and Moodemiah with their allies had proceeded to action, and in the middle of February entered the diffricts of Nadamundalum, which occupy a confiderable extent, about midway between the city of Madura and the Pulitaver's

place. The fort which commands these districts is called Chevelpetore, and is fituated at the foot of the western mountains, about 45 miles fouth-west of Madura. The troops stationed for the defence of the fort and districts, were under the command of Abdul Rahim, a half brother to the Nabob and Maphuze-Cawn, the same with whom Lieutenant Innis marched into those countries in the year 1751, and of Abdull-mally another relation to the family: the foot, excepting 200 Sepoys, were the usual rabble allotted to the guard of villages; but there were 500 horse, esteemed the best in Maphuze-Khan's fervice, who proud of their prowefs, and their quality of Mahomedans, held the enemy, as Indians, and of no military reputation, in utter contempt, and encouraged their own commanders to rifque at battle; in which they were furrounded, but with fufficient gallantry, and confiderable loss, cut their way through, and retired to Chevelpetore. Here Abdull Rahim and Abdull-mally intended to maintain themselves, until succours should arrive, either from Madura or Tinivelly; but the men of the cavalry, diffatisfied for want of pay, and fearful of losing their horses through want of provisions during the fiege, marched away, and many of them joined the enemy: the fort was immediately invested and soon after reduced, but the two commanders escaped again.

This fuccess encouraged the Madura Polygars, who had hitherto only looked on, to join according to their promise; and the whole camp now consisted of 25000 men, of which 1000 were cavalry. Their chiefs animated by this superiority of numbers determined to give battle to Maphuze-Cawn at Tinivelly, before they attacked the city of Madura. By this time Maphuze-Cawn had prevailed on Catabominaig, by the cession of some districts and the promise of other advantages, to join him with the forces of the eastern Polygars, and had likewise levied all the horse and foot of whatsoever kind which could be procured; but his principal strength was the 1500 horse he' had before, and the body of 1000 Sepoys belonging to the company under the command of Jemaul Saheb, whose losses had been recruited with essective men. The battle was fought on the 21st of March, within seven miles of Tinivelly, and was maintained with more obstinacy than usual in the fights of this country, until Moodemiah fell;



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of Sepoys into the town. Having employed fome days in refitting his carriages and stores, he proceeded to the fort of Chevelpetore, which, notwithstanding their late deseat, remained in the hands of the enemy; but they abandoned it on his appearance. Leaving a sufficient garrison to desend it in suture, he proceeded across the Nadamundalum country to Cayetar, a town about 25 miles north of Tinivelly, where Maphuze-Cawn was waiting for him with his victorious but inactive army.

During this progress Mahomed Isloof had not been able to collect any money from the revenues, for the maintenance of his troops; because the ravages of the Polygars had ruined most of the villages and cultivated lands of the country through which he paffed; and the real detriment of these devastations was increased by the pretences they furnished the land-holders to fallify their accounts, and plead exemptions for more than they had loft. He found Maphuze-Cawn in greater diftress than himself, unable either to fulfil the stipulations at which he had rented the country from colonel Heron, or to supply the pay of the company's Sepoys left with him under the command of Jemaul Saheb, or even to furnish enough, exclusive of long arrears, for the daily fublistance of his own troops. diftress naturally deprived him of the necessary authority over the Jemmadars, or officers of his cavalry, who in Indostan, as the antient mercenary captains of Italy, hire out their bands, and gain not a little by the bargain. Every kind of diforder likewife prevailed in ell the other departments of his administration, at the same time that the indolence and irrefolution of his own character confirmed all the evils which had been introduced into his government.

From Cayetar, Maphuze-Cawn and Mahomed Isloof moved with the whole army to the woods of Etiaporum, which lie about 30 miles to the East of Cayetar: Catabominaig and the Polygar of Etiaporum, were in the camp: the former had by his agents redeemed his hostages at Puducottah, but the other still delayed; and this motion was made to excite his fears, although no threats were used; he nevertheless still procrastinated, and his alliance was at this time

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deemed too valuable, to compel him by the exercise of hostilities. From Etiaporum they croffed the country to Coilorepettah, a ftrong fort fituated near the great road; it belonged to a Polygar named Condam-naigue, who on the first fummons promised without hesitation to pay the tribute demanded of him; but continued day after day to fend pretences and excuses instead of the money; at length Mahomed Isloof finding himself trifled with, battered, and then ftormed the fort. It was well defended. The ferjeant of the Coffres, and 8 of that company were killed: of the Sepoys 8 with the commander of one of the companies were killed, and 65 were wounded: the Colleries fuffered still more, and all who were not killed, were made prificuers, among whom, the Polygar himfelf. From Coilotepettah, the whole army proceeded to Chevelpetore, and encamped under this fort on the 10th of June, where most of the neighbouring Polygars, terrified by the example of Coilorepettah. made their submissions either in person or by their agents. Even the Politaver with his usual duplicity fent one with proposals of reconciliation, and the Polygar of Elerampenah, whose place hes hetween Coilorepettah and Chevelpetore, redeemed his hoftages. But the Polygar of Calancandan, which lies 13 miles north-eaft of Chevelpetore, paying no regard to the usual summons, Mahomed Isloof marched and attacked his fort, which was abandoned after a flight refisfance.

The prefidency of Madrais, after the retreat of their aimy from Velore, had had no provocations worthy the contest, to induce them to engage in any military operations in the Carnatic, at the rifque of drawing the French again into the field; and the government of Pondicherry, conducting themselves by mtelligence, of which the English were ignorant, were equally averse to venture any hostilities that might diminish their means of maintaining the advantages they had acquired in the Decan, which from their former fecurity were at this time approaching to the utmost risque and uncertainty. In the month of February of this year, Salabad-jing took the field again, and marched against the city of Savanore, the capital of one of the three Pitan Nabobs, by whose treachery both Nazir-jing and Murzasa-jing had loft their lives. The fucceffor of this Nabob had hitherto re-Tii

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fused to acknowledge the authority of Salabad-jing, and had lately entered into a defensive alliance with the Morattoe Morari-row, who with the same spirit of independence had likewise resused to pay allegiance to his fovereign the Sahah Rajah, or Prince of the Morattoe nations. The city of Savanore, or Sanore, lyeth about 200 miles fouth-west of Golcondah, and about 30 to the north-west of Bisnagar: it is extensive, well peopled, fituated in a great plain, and furrounded by a wall with round bastions and towers. On a rock about a mile and a half from the city is a very strong fortress, called Bancapour, whence the capital is generally called by the two names together of Sanore Bancapour, to distinguish it from another town belonging to a Polygar in those countries, which is likewise called Sanore. The country of which Morari-row had taken possession, lies about 220 miles south of Golcondah; to the north it adjoins the territory of Canoul; to the fouth, the country of Colala; and to the west, the country of Sanore Bancapour. At the time of this expedition against the Pitan and the Morattoe, Seid Laskar-Khan no longer held the office of Duan to Salabad-jing: for notwithstanding the oaths of his reconciliation with Mr. Buffy at Aurengabad in 1753, he fecretly continued to thwart all his purposes; on conviction of which Mr. Bussy removed him from that employment, and in his stead replaced Shanavaze Khan, who himself had been removed for the other. At what time this change was made we do not know; but Shanavaze Khan was at the head of the administration when the army took the field, and had as much concealed aversion to the French interests as his predecessor. Jaster Ally Khan, the late Nabob of Rajahmundrum, had received lands in the Decan in Jagier, or fief, from Salabad-jing, when he made his submissions at Aurengabad in 1754; and, in confequence of this feudal obligation, now accompanied his lord with a body of troops: he was effeemed an active foldier, and having been deprived of his government because his country had been ceded to the French company, bore much hatred to Mr. Buffy and all his nation: being therefore united with Shanavaze Khan, the friends and connexions of both formed a very powerful party, determined if possible to rescue Salabad-jing from the influence which his European allies had obtained over all his councils.

Peace fublifting at this time between Balagerow and Salabad-ning, it had been concerted by Shanwaze Khan, that Balagerow should murch from Pont, to punish Morari-row, at the fame time that Salabad uno took the field against Swanore The two armies met, united, and agreed to afift each other in the reduction of their disobedient vaffals, beginning with Savanore. But before they arrived at the city, Morarirow had reinforced the garrifon with a confiderable body of Morattoes, and commanded them himfelf in person. The French company were indebted to him a large fum on account of his fervices in the war of Pritchinopoly, for which the government of Pondicherry had given their bond; and he had often threatened mikhief to their affairs. wherefoever the opportunity should offer, if the money were not paid. But now feeing the great force that was coming against himself and Sanore, he privately offered to relinquish his claim upon the French company, if Mr. Buffy would effect his reconciliation with Balagerow upon moderate terms. A negociation enfued; it was entirely conducted by Mr. Buffy; and the Duan, fo far from impeding, was fecretly rejoiced that he should adjust the terms. We have obtained on information what they were, farther than that the Nabob of Sanore and Morari-row made their fubmissions to their respective superiors. and Moran-row gave up to Mr. Buffy the bond of the French company. As foon as the peace was concluded, the Duan ftruck the blow he had long meditated, representing to Salabad-jing " that the city " of Sanore might have been eafily taken, if Mr. Buffy had not pre-" ferred the interest of the French company with Morani-row to "those of the Soubaliship with its vassals that the French had never supplied any money to his government from the province of "Arcot, although it was now five years fince they had been entrufted " with the administration of that country, whereas, the ally of the " English, Mahomed Ally, was at this very time folliciting the same " patents for himfelf, proffering an annual tribute of three millions " and two hundred thousand rupees, and an immediate present of one " million two hundred thousand, as foon as he should receive the pa-"tents." Whoever has confidered the whole tenor of our narrative, will cafily have different that the opposition of the English arms had

left the French no great gainers by their titular acquisition of the province of Arcot; and we cannot determine what truth there might be in the allegation of the offers made by Mahomed Ally, because the presidency of Madrass knew nothing of them: however, it appears that Mr. Bussy believed it; and the inveteracy of Jasser Ally Khan, who had always some correspondence with the English, prompted this lord, although without any authority, to assure Salabad-jing, that if he would remove the French troops from his service, their place should be immediately supplied by an equal body of English. The party against the French was every day strengthened by the accession of other lords; and Salabad-jing, although he respected Mr. Bussy, had not resolution enough to oppose this powerful combination.

Shanavaze Khan now communicated the intentions of the confederacy to Balagerow, and follicited his affiftance, as in a common cause, to rid the Soubah and the Decan of these dangerous intruders, proposing, as the shortest and surest means, to begin by assassinating Mr. Buffy. Civilities had paffed between Balagerow and Mr. Buffy, not only during the present campaign, but on former occasions, and they mutually esteemed each other; from which, and his own characi ter, which was superior to most in Indostan, he rejected the proposal of affaffination with disdain: from another motive he likewise refused to commit any hostilities against the French troops; being not without views of attaching Mr. Buffy to his own fervice, if the animofity between him and the ministry of Salabad-jing should become irreconcileable. Shanavaze Khan, although much disappointed by the refusal of Balagerow, nevertheless persisted in his purpose, and signified to Mr. Buffy, in the name of Salabad-jing, the resolution of dismissing the French troops from his fervice, ordering them to retire out of his territories without delay; but promifing that, if they committed no hostilities, they should receive no molestation in their retreat.

Mr. Buffy knew full well that Salabad-jing had concurred to this refolution more from imbecillity than inclination: and hoping that fome favourable incident, in a government fo fertile in events, would foon induce him to recall the French troops, received the order of difmiffion, without manifesting any resentment, and said that he was

as defirous as his enemies to quit a connexion fraught with fo much jealoufy and difcontent. Accordingly he immediately removed, and encapped all his force at fone diffunce from the army of Salabad-jing, giving out that he intended to proceed to Maiulipatnam. At the fame time he difpatched letters to the government of Pondicherry, requesting them to fund to that place with the utmost expedition all the force which could be spared from the services of Coromandel. At the same time Salabad-jing, now entirely governed by Shanavaze Khan, likewise dispatched letters, which were followed by an agent, to the presidency of Madrass, requesting that they would immediately fend a body of troops to affist in expelling that they would immediately fend a body

The very day that the French troops quitted the army of Salabadjing, Balagerow fent a deputation of his principal officers to Mr. -Buffy, congratulating him on his separation from so perfidious and ungrateful a nation as the Moors: these were his expressions; and follicited his alliance, proposing that the French troops should act as auxiliaries to the Morattoes, as they had to Salabad-jing; and proffering the fame allowances to the troops, the fame emoluments to Mr. Buffy himfelf, and as great advantages to the French company. as had been granted by that prince. Mr. Buffy declined to accept 'this offer, by the obvious excuse of his dependance on the orders of Pondicherry; and began his march. Nevertheless Balagerow, with a fairit of chivalry of which as little now remains in the eaftern as in the western part of the world, detached a body of 6000 horse with ... orders to accompany Mr. Buffy until he should think himself out of the reach of purfuit or interruption from the Soubah's forces; and to leave nothing wanting to the confummation of this politeness, this cavalry was commanded by a general of the first distinction amongst the Morattoes for his riches, and of the highest reputation; next to Balagerow himfelf, for his military talents. His name was Malarjee.

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The French troops were 600 Europeans in battalion, 5000 well-disciplined Sepoys, a well-appointed train of field artillery, two troops of Huffars, one of dragoons, and one of grenadiers; in all 200 European riders. This force, with the Morattoe cavalry, were more than able to cope with the whole army of Salabad-jing. After eight days

ن56. م march without any appearance of opposition, Mr. Buffy difinished the Morattoes, making grateful acknowledgments, and fome prefents to Holear and Balagerow. But he was mistaken in his fecurity; for Shanavaze Khan receiving by his fpies and foouts very expeditious information of the departure of the Morattoes, immediately detached 25000 men, horse and foot, under the command of Juffer Ally Khan, in purfuit of the French troops. Orders had also been previously fent to all the chiefs of the neighbouring countries to oblirust their progress; but none of these ventured the risque, until they came to the districts of a Polygar, named Maladirao, situated near the book of the Kristna, about 90 miles to the south-west of Hyderabad; who confiding in the thickness of his woods, and the perplexities of the ways which traversed them, harrafled the line of march for some hours, and killed some men, amongst whom an officer of reputation named La Martiniere. Marching on from the woods without intermission, they found the Kristna fordable, and passed it without delay; and just as the last picquet had got over, the river began to fwell, and the van of Jaffer Ally Khan's army appeared on the other bank; where they were detained 15 days by this interruption, which permitted the French troops to proceed at leifure, and without further moleftation. What remained of the march to Mafulipatnam, even in the shortest road, was more than 200 miles; and through a very embarraffed and inhospitable country. Sickness prevailed amongst the Europeans, the stores of ammunition were not sufficient for any long continuation of scrvice, provisions failed, money was still more scarce, the Sepoys began to murmur and defert for want of pay; and Mr. Buffy knowing that these distresses could no where be fo well redressed, as by means of the connexions which he maintained at Hyderabad, turned his march to this city, and arrived there on the 14th of June.

The city of Hyderabad is fituated 60 miles north from the Kristna. It is enclosed by a wall 20 feet high, defended by small round towers. The river Moussi coming from the westward, runs near the northern part of the walls, from which it is separated by a strand, which it sometimes overslows in the rains. The city extends along the course of the river only one mile, but recedes from it three. There is a stone bridge,

bridge, but not of arches, 300 yards in length over the river. The garrifon at this time was but flender, for most of the established troops of the government had marched with Salabad-jing.

The French troops encamped about a mile to the westward of the city, and their appearance terrified the inhabitants; but on receiving affurances from Mr. Buffy that no violence was intended, if his army were not treated as enemies, quiet was reffored, and the common intercourfes of peace were carried on between the camp and the city: the bankers moreover lent Mr. Buffy money on his own credit, with which he discharged the pay due to the Sepoys; and they instead of being fatisfied with this equity, demanded an advance for the time coming, which not being given, whole companies of them together deferted. Some bullocks which had been fent to bring grain from a village about 15 miles from the city, were attacked and taken by the troops of the diffrict, joined by a few straggling Morattoes, who had croffed the Kristna just before it rose: on which Mr. Bussy fent an agent named Romi Khan, whom he ufually employed in fuch meffages, to the governor of the city, requesting he would either restore the bullocks that had been taken, or make restitution of an equal number. The governor, by name Ibrahim-ally, was nephew to Jaffer-ally Khan, and married to one of his daughters; and partaking of his uncle's animofity to Mr. Buffy, treated the meffage with indignation, and the messenger with contempt, who retorted with infolence; this produced abuse, which Romi Khan revenged on the spot, by stabbing Ibrahim-ally to the heart with his poignard, and was himfelf immediately cut down by the attendants. But even this event did not excite any aversion to the French in the inhabitants of the city; for the people-of-Indoftan are generally fo much oppressed, that if they do not rejoice, at least they rarely regret the loss of any of their rulers; unless amongst some of the Indian states, in which religion and antiquity hath annexed veneration to the descendants of their ancient princes.

Although no diligence had been omitted, the French army were not ready to proceed from Hyderabad before the Alegattoe cavalry of Safabad-jing's army came up: they were 12000 under feveral chiefs independant of Balagerow, who held fiefs under the Alogul government in the Decan, on condition of military fervice. This cavalry ap-

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peared on the 26th of June, and encamped about fix miles from the French army. The next day their generals fummoned Mr. Buffy, in the name of Salabad-jing, to furrender all his artillery, excepting the fix field pieces which he had brought from Pondicherry, and to relinquish the attributes of his Moorish dignities, promising on these conditions to let him proceed quietly to Masulipatnam. Mr. Buffy replied, that he acknowledged the mandates of no man to disarm himself, and that he held his dignities from the Emperor, not from Salabad-jing, Messages of negociation nevertheless continued.

On the 30th of June the lieutenant of Hussais went forth, with half the troop to reconnoitre, and, being fhort fighted, led them without suspecting the danger into covered and unequal ground, where they were fuddenly furrounded by a much superior number of Morattoes, iffuing from the other side of a hill, who immediately attacked them on all sides. The Hussars, as is the custom of these troops in fuch emergencies, endeavoured to disperse, and each man to save himfelf as he best could: the rest of the troop in the camp feeing the danger of their comrades, mounted and galloped to their assistance, not in a compact body, to which the others might rally, but all fingling out different antagonists; in which irregular manner of combat, the Morattoes themselves are equal to any horsemen in the world. The troop of French dragoons feeing the Hussars in slight, mounted and fallied to cover their retreat, but in regular order; and the Morattoes awed by their discipline quitted the fight, having killed the lieutenant and two Hussars, and desperately wounded twenty-seven others: they likewise took six horses; and sent away seven caps or hats which they had picked up on the field, as a trophy of their victory, to Salabad-jing. Their chiefs, elated by this fuccess, proposed such extravagant terms, that Mr. Buffy, knowing they would become more arrogant the more follicitude he shewed for peace, broke off the negociation abruptly, and confulted his officers on the future operations of the war.

He represented to them, that "defective as their force was in ca"valry, it would scarcely be possible for the infantry and artillery aloneto protect the long train of carriages required for the sick, baggage,
flores, provisions, and ammunition, through a march of 200 miles

" to Mafulipatnam, from the meeffant attacks of the Morattocs, as "well as Salahid-jung's cavalry, which were approaching and if " they should gain their way to this place, other exils would be the " confequence of their fuceets, finee the enemy accompanying their " progress would carry the ravages of war into the ceded provinces, " and by running the revenues, would ent off the only refource which " remailed for the maintenance of the army." He therefore propoted that "they thould flind their ground where they were, that " altho' the city itfelf was too extensive and too weak to be defended " by their force, there was a post at hand capable of containing the " irmy and all its equipments, in which they should defend them-" telves to extremity, in expectation of the reinforcements he had " requested from Pondicherry, and not without hopes that the good " disposition of Salabad jing himfelt might prevail over the evil in-" tentions of his ministers and produce a reconciliation, which in all " probability would be precluded for ever, if the army retreated tu " fuch a diffance as Majulipatnam at all events they could at laft " retreat "

All the officers concurred in opinion with their general. The post they refulved to take, was a palice of retirement from bufiness, built by the kings of Golcondah, when mighty It is called the garden of Charmaul, and is an enclosure of 600 by 500 yards it is fituated un the firmd of the river Moulli, and in the north-west angle of the city in the middle is a great tank of water, fquare, and lined to the bottom with fleps of flone at fome diffance, are four great building , one fieing each fide of the tank, feparated from each other, and all together capable of lodging a multitude Larly in the morning of the ,th of July, the day after the council, the French army began to move from their camp, at the same time the advanced guards, established towards the enemy's camp, remained in their posts, for the Morattoes were in the field, who nevertheless did not venture to attack my part of the line, excepting the last troops as they were quitting the advanced pofts, by whom they were repulfed, but full hovered around Mr Buffy therefore waited in the plain until the evening, when the whole army entered the garden without interruption

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About this time the agent fent by Salabad-jing from Sanore arrived at Madrass: the letters announcing the purport of his embassy were received fome days before; but the full extent of Salabad-jing's proposals remained to be explained by the agent in person. could be more acceptable to the prefidency than the invitation he brought; for fince the disappointment of the expedition, which the company had projected to be carried on from Bombay, they despaired of having another opportunity of striking at the French influence in the northern parts of the Decan; on which, nevertheless, the very existence of the English on the coast of Coromandel seemed to de-They therefore with great alacrity affured Salabad-jing-of their intentions to comply with his request, and were on the point of ordering a detachment of 300 Europeans and 1500 Sepoys to take the field; when in the middle of July they received letters from Bengal, informing them of the greatest danger that had ever threatened the company's estate in the East Indies; to retrieve which from utter perdition required nothing less than the exertion of the utmost force that could be spared from the coast of Coromandel.

The END of the FIFTH BOOK.

ALTERATION.

IN Page 252, instead of the Paragraph beginning with the words, "In the month of August Salabad-jing exhibited"—and ending an embassador from the great Mogust"—Read as follows.

In the month of August Salabad-jing exhibited another ceremony to amuse the people, receiving a delegate from Delhi, who brought, as was pretended, the ferpaw, or veft, with the fword, and other fymbols of fovereignty, which the Great Mogul fends to his viceroys, on their appointments. He remained at Aurengabad during the rest of this year settling his government, without the interruntion of any military operations. But in the fpring of the next year 1752, Balagerow, encouraged as before by Ghazi-o-dean Khan from Dellii, invaded his dominions with 40,000 horfe, which separating in various detachments, committed all kind of ravage and devastation. The river Gunga flowing about 35 miles to the westward of Aurengabad. was at this time the boundary between the territories of the Suubahflip and of Balagernw, whose capital, Poni, is by the usual road about 130 miles distant from the other city, and had no kind of defences. Salabad-jing having taken the field with all his forces, fubmitted the direction of the campaign to Mr. Buffy, who inflead of opposing the incursions of the Morattoes into the territories of the . Soubahthip, retaliated the fame mitchiefs in their country, and advauced within 30 miles of Poni. This foon recalled the Morattoes, who burnt all their own villages in front and on either hand of his progress; and even destroyed their granaries in Poni itself. At the time time their detachments interrupted, harraffed, and cut off the Soubah's convoys of provisions, all of which came from behind, and from far. They likewife feveral times infulted the Soubah's encampments, but in these skirmishes were always repulsed with loss by the

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French musketry and artillery. Nevertheless the Soubah's army was almost famished: and the countries of both having suffered equally by this wasteful war, Balagerow consented to a cessation of hostilities for a present of 100,000 rupees. This treaty was concluded in the beginning of July; when Salabad-jing, without returning to Aurengabad, proceeded with his whole army towards Golcondah; and in the rout exacted the submissions and received the tributes due from feveral refractory Zemindars; but the Rajah of Neirmel, the most powerful in these parts of the Decan, and several others of inferior note, united, and opposed the army of Salabad-jing, with all their forces, which were very numerous, but irregular: a general battle enfued, in which the Rajahs were routed, and Neirmel himself slain; after which Salabad-jing met no farther opposition during the rest of his progress to Golcondah. In the beginning of this campaign, Mr. Buffy hearing of the decline of Chunda-faheb's fortunes at Tritchinopoly, employed the influence which the expectation of his immediate services gave him over the councils of Salabad-jing, to obtain a commission, appointing Mr. Dupleix Nabob of the Carnatic, notwithstanding that Chunda-saheb was at that time alive; this, with several other pompous patents, was fent to Pondicherry, and Salabad-jing promifed they should soon be followed by an ambassador from the Great Mogul.

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ABBREVIATIONS.

C, c, Coast. Eng. eng. English. Fr, fr, French. I, Island. K, King. m, mentioned m, miles. Nab. Nabob. p, page. Prov. prov. Province. Sep. Sepoys.

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left the French no great gainers by their titular acquisition of the province of Arcot; and we cannot determine what truth there might be in the allegation of the offers made by Mahomed Ally, because the presidency of Madrass knew nothing of them: however, it appears that Mr. Bussy believed it; and the inveteracy of Jasser Ally Khan, who had always some correspondence with the English, prompted this lord, although without any authority, to assure Salabad-jing, that if he would remove the French troops from his service, their place should be immediately supplied by an equal body of English. The party against the French was every day strengthened by the accession of other lords; and Salabad-jing, although he respected Mr. Bussy, had not resolution enough to oppose this powerful combination.

Shanavaze Khan now communicated the intentions of the confederacy to Balagerow, and follicited his affiftance, as in a common cause, to rid the Soubah and the Decan of these dangerous intruders, proposing, as the shortest and surest means, to begin by affassinating Mr. Buffy. Civilities had paffed between Balagerow and Mr. Buffy, not only during the prefent campaign, but on former occasions, and they mutually esteemed each other; from which, and his own character, which was superior to most in Indostan, he rejected the proposal of affaffination with difdain: from another motive he likewise refused to commit any hostilities against the French troops; being not without views of attaching Mr. Buffy to his own fervice, if the animofity between him and the ministry of Salabad-jing should become irreconcileable. Shanavaze Khan, although much disappointed by the refusal of Balagerow, nevertheless persisted in his purpose, and signified to Mr. Buffy, in the name of Salabad-jing, the resolution of dismissing the French troops from his fervice, ordering them to retire out of his territories without delay; but promifing that, if they committed no hostilities, they should receive no molestation in their retreat.

Mr. Buffy knew full well that Salabad-jing had concurred to this resolution more from imbecillity than inclination: and hoping that some favourable incident, in a government so fertile in events, would soon induce him to recall the French troops, received the order of dismission, without manifesting any resentment, and said that he was

as defirous as his enemies to quit a connexion fraught with fo much jealoufy and difcontent. Accordingly he immediately removed, and encamped all his force at fome diffunce from the army of Salabad-jing, giving out that he intended to proceed to Marulipannam. At the fame time he diffatched letters to the government of Pondicherry, requesting them to foud to that place with the utmost expedition all the force which could be spared from the services of Coromandel. At the same time Salabad-jing, now entirely governed by Shanavaze Khan, likewise dispatched letters, which were followed by an agent, to the prefidency of Madrass, requesting that they would immediately fend a body of troops to affist it expelling the French out of his dominious.

The very day that the French troops quitted the army of Salabadling, Balagerow fent a deputation of his principal officers to Mr. Bully, congratulating him on his separation from so perfidious and ungrateful a nation as the Moors: these were his expressions: and follicited his alliance, proposing that the French troops should act as auxiliaries to the Morattoes, as they had to Salabad-jing; and proffering the fame allowances to the troops, the fame emoluments to Mr. Buffy himfelf, and as great advantages to the French company, as had been granted by that prince. Mr. Buffy declined to accept 'this offer, by the obvious excuse of his dependance on the orders of Pondicherry; and began his march. Nevertheless Balagerow, with n spirit of chivalry of which as little now remains in the castern as in the western part of the world, detached a body of 6000 horse with ... orders to accompany Mr. Buffy until he should think himself out of the reach of pursuit or interruption from the Soubah's forces; and to leave nothing wanting to the confummation of this politeness, this cavalry was commanded by a general of the first distinction amongst the Morattoes for his riches, and of the highest reputation; next to Balagerow himfelf, for his military talents. His name was Malarjee. Holcar.

The French troops were 600 Europeans in battalion, 5000 well-diciplined Sepoys, a well-appointed train of field artillery, two troops of Huffars, one of dragoons, and one of grenadiers; in all 200 European riders. This force, with the Morattoe cavalry, were more than able to cope with the whole army of Salabad-jing. After eight days

march without any appearance of opposition, Mr. Buffy difinisfied the Morattoes, making grateful acknowledgments, and some presents to Holear and Balagerow. But he was mistaken in his security; for Shanavaze Khan receiving by his fpies and footts very expeditious information of the departure of the Morattoes, immediately detached 25000 men, horse and foot, under the command of Jaffer Ally Khan, in purfuit of the French troops. Orders had also been previously fent to all the chiefs of the neighbouring countries to oblirust their progress; but none of these ventured the risque, until they came to the diffricts of a Polygar, named Maladirao, fituated near the benk of the Kristna, about 90 miles to the south-west of Hyderabad; who confiding in the thickness of his woods, and the perplexities of the ways which traversed them, harrafled the line of march for some hours, and killed fome men, amongst whom an officer of reputation named La Martiniere. Marching on from the woods without intermission, they found the Kristna fordable, and passed it without delay; and just as the last picquet had got over, the river began to fwell, and the van of Jaffer Ally Khan's army appeared on the other bank; where they were detained 15 days by this interruption, which permitted the French troops to proceed at leifure, and without further moleftation. What remained of the march to Masulipatnam, even in the shortest road, was more than 200 miles; and through a very embarraffed and inhospitable country. Sickness prevailed amongst the Europeans, the stores of ammunition were not sufficient for any long continuation of service, provisions failed, money was still more scarce, the Sepoys began to murmur and defert for want of pay; and Mr. Buffy knowing that these distresses could no where be fo well redressed, as by means of the connexions which he maintained at Hyderabad, turned his march to this city, and arrived there on the 14th of June.

The city of Hyderabad is fituated 60 miles north from the Kristna. It is enclosed by a wall 20 feet high, defended by small round towers. The river Moussi coming from the westward, runs near the northern part of the walls, from which it is separated by a strand, which it sometimes overslows in the rains. The city extends along the course of the river only one mile, but recedes from it three. There is a stone bridge,

bridge, but not of arches, 300 yards in length over the river. The garrifon at this time was but flender, for most of the established troops of the government had marched with Salabad-jing.

The French troops encamped about a mile to the westward of the city, and their appearance terrified the inhabitants; but on receiving affurances from Mr. Buffy that no violence was intended, if his army were not treated as enemies, quiet was reffored, and the common intercourses of peace were carried on between the camp and the city: the bankers moreover lent Mr. Buffy money on his own credit, with which he discharged the pay due to the Seposs; and they instead of being fatisfied with this equity, demanded an advance for the time coming, which not being given, whole companies of them together delerted. Some bullocks which had been fent to bring grain from a village about 15 miles from the city, were attacked and taken by the troops of the diffrict, joined by a few straggling Morattoes, who had croffed the Kriftna just before it rose: on which Mr. Buffy fent an agent named Romi Khan, whom he usually employed in such mesfages, to the governor of the city, requesting he would either restore the bullocks that had been taken, or make restitution of an equal number. The governor, by name Ibrahim-ally, was nephew to Jaffer-ally Khan, and married to one of his daughters; and partaking of his uncle's animofity to Mr. Buffy, treated the meffage with indignation, and the meffenger with contempt, who retorted with infolence; this produced abuse, which Romi Khan revenged on the spot, by stabbing Ibrahim-ally to the heart with his poignard, and was himfelf immediately cut down by the attendants. But even this event did not excite any aversion to the French in the inhabitants of the city; for the people-of-Indoftan are generally fo much oppreffed, that if they do not rejoice, at least they rarely regret the loss of any of their rulers; unless amongst some of the Indian states, in which religion and antiquity hath annexed veneration to the descendants of their ancient princes.

Although no difigence had been omitted, the French army were not ready to proceed from Hyderabad before the Morattoe cavalry of Safabad-jing's army came up: they were 12000 under feveral chiefs independant of Balagerow, who held fiefs under the Mogul government in the Decan, on condition of military fervice. This cavalry appeared

peared on the 26th of June, and encamped about fix miles from the French army. The next day their generals fummoned Mr. Buffy, in the name of Salabad-jing, to furrender all his artillery, excepting the fix field pieces which he had brought from Pondicherry, and to relinquish the attributes of his Moorish dignities, promising on these conditions to let him proceed quietly to Masulipatnam. Mr. Buffy replied, that he acknowledged the mandates of no man to disarm himself, and that he held his dignities from the Emperor, not from Salabad-jing. Messages of negociation nevertheless continued.

On the 30th of June the lieutenant of Hussars went forth with half the troop to reconnoitre, and, being fhort fighted, led them without suspecting the danger into covered and unequal ground, where they were fuddenly furrounded by a much superior number of Morattoes, iffuing from the other fide of a hill, who immediately attacked them on all sides. The Hussars, as is the custom of these troops in fuch emergencies, endeavoured to disperse, and each man to save himfelf as he best could: the rest of the troop in the camp seeing the danger of their comrades, mounted and galloped to their assistance, not in a compact body, to which the others might rally, but all fingling out different antagonists; in which irregular manner of combat, the Morattoes themselves are equal to any horsemen in the world. The troop of French dragoons feeing the Hussars in flight, mounted and fallied to cover their retreat, but in regular order; and the Morattoes awed by their discipline quitted the fight, having killed the lieutenant and two Hussars, and desperately wounded twenty-seven others: they likewise took six liorses; and sent away, seven caps or hats which they had picked up on the field, as a trophy of their victory, to Salabad-jing. Their chiefs, elated by this fuccess, proposed such extravagant terms, that Mr. Buffy, knowing they would become more arrogant the more follicitude he shewed for peace, broke off the negociation abruptly, and confulted his officers on the future operations of the war.

He represented to them, that "defective as their force was in ca-"valry, it would fearcely be possible for the infantry and artillery alone— "to protect the long train of carriages required for the sick, baggage, "stores, provisions, and ammunition, through a march of 200 miles

" to Mafulipatnam, from the meeffant attacks of the Morattoes, as "well as Salabad-jung's cavalry, which were approaching and if " they should gain their way to this place, other earls would be the " confequence of their fuceets, fince the enemy accompanying their " progress would carry the ravages of war into the ceded provinces, " and by running the revenues, would cut off the only refource which " remained for the maintenance of the army." He therefore propoted that "they thould it and their ground where they were, that "altho" the city itfelf was too extensive and too weak to be defended " by their force, there was a post at hand capable of containing the " irms and all its equipments, in which they flould defend them-" telves to extremity, in expectation of the reinforcements he had " requested from Pondicherry, and not without hopes that the good "disputition of Silabad jing himfelt might prevail over the evil in-" tentions of his ministers and produce a reconciliation, which in all " probability would be precluded for ever, if the army retreated tu " fuch a diffance as Majulipatnam at all events they could at laft " retre it "

All the officers concurred in opinion with their general. The post they refulved to take, was a palace of retirement from business, built b) the kings of Golcondah, when might. It is called the garden of Charmaul, and is an enclosure of 600 by 500 yards it is fituated un the firand of the river Moulli, and in the north-west angle of the city in the middle is a great tank of water, fquare, and lined to the bottom with fleps of flone at some distance, are sour great buildmg , one ficing each fide of the tank, feparated from each other, and all together capable of lodging a multitude Larly in the morning of the ,th of July, the day after the council, the French army began to move from their camp, at the same time the advanced guards. established towards the enemy's camp, remained in their posts, for the Morattoes were in the field, who nevertheless did not venture to attack my part of the line, excepting the last troops as they were quitting the advanced posts, by whom they were repulsed, but still hovered around Mr Buffy therefore waited in the plan until the evening, when the whole arms entered the gurden without interruption

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About this time the agent fent by Salabad-jing from Sanore arrived at Madrass: the letters announcing the purport of his embassy were received fome days before; but the full extent of Salabad-jing's proposals remained to be explained by the agent in person. could be more acceptable to the prefidency than the invitation he brought; for fince the disappointment of the expedition, which the company had projected to be carried on from Bombay, they despaired of having another opportunity of striking at the French influence in the northern parts of the Decan; on which, nevertheless, the very existence of the English on the coast of Coromandel seemed to de-They therefore with great alacrity, affured -Salabad-jing-of their intentions to comply with his request, and were on the point of ordering a detachment of 300 Europeans and 1500 Sepoys to take the field; when in the middle of July they received letters from Bengal, informing them of the greatest danger that had ever threatened the company's estate in the East Indies; to retrieve which from utter perdition required nothing less than the exertion of the utmost force that could be spared from the coast of Coromandel.

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ALTERATION.

IN Page 252, instead of the Paragraph beginning with the words, "In the munth of August Salabad-jing exhibited"—and ending an embassiador from the great Mogol"—Read as follows.

In the month of August Salabad-jing exhibited another ceremony to amuse the people, receiving a delegate from Delhi, who brought, as was pretended, the ferpaw, or vell, with the fword, and other fymbols of fovereignty, which the Great Mogul fends to his viceroys, on their appointments. He remained at Aurengabad during the rest of this year settling his government, without the interruntion of any military operations. But in the firing of the next year 1752, Balagerow, encouraged as before by Ghazi-o-dean Khan from Delhi, invaded his dominions with 40,000 horfe, which feparating in various detachments, committed all kind of ravage and devastation. The river Gunga flowing about 35 miles to the westward of Aurengabad, was at this time the boundary between the territories of the Sunbahthip and of Balagernw, whose capital, Poni, is by the usual road about 130 miles distant from the other city, and had no kind of defences. Salabad-jing having taken the field with all his forces, fobmitted the direction of the campaign to Mr. Buffy, who inflead of opposing the incursions of the Morattoes into the territories of the . Soubanfhip, retailated the fame mitchiefs in their country, and advanced within 30 miles of Poni. This foon recalled the Morattoes, who burnt all their own villages in front and on either hand of his progress; and even destroyed their granaries in Poni itself. At the time time their detachments interrupted, harraffed, and cut off the Soubah's convoys of provisions, all of which came from behind, and from far. They likewife feveral times infulted the Soubah's encampments, but in these skirmishes were always repulsed with loss by the Kkkz French

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French musketry and artillery. Nevertheless the Soubah's army was almost famished: and the countries of both having suffered equally by this wasteful war, Balagerow consented to a cessation of hostilities for a prefent of 100,000 rupees. This treaty was concluded in the beginning of July; when Salabad-jing, without returning to Aurengabad, proceeded with his whole army towards Golcondah; and in the rout exacted the submissions and received the tributes due from several refractory Zemindars; but the Rajah of Neirmel, the most powerful in these parts of the Decan, and several others of inferior note, united, and opposed the army of Salabad-jing, with all their forces, which were very numerous, but irregular: a general battle enfued, in which the Rajahs were routed, and Neirmel himself slain; after which Salabad-jing met no farther opposition during the rest of his progress to Golcondah. In the beginning of this campaign, Mr. Buffy hearing of the decline of Chunda-faheb's fortunes at Tritchinopoly, employed the influence which the expectation of his immediate fervices gave him over the councils of Salabad-jing, to obtain a commission, appointing Mr. Dupleix Nabob of the Carnatic, notwithstanding that Chunda-saheb was at that time alive; this, with several other pompous patents, was fent to Pondicherry, and Salabad-jing promifed they should soon be followed by an ambassador from the Great Mogul.

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ADBREVIATIONS.

C, c, Coast. Eng, eng, English. Fr, fr, French. I, Island. K, King. m, mentioned m. miles. Nab. Nabob. p. page. Prov. prov. Province. Sep. Sepojs.

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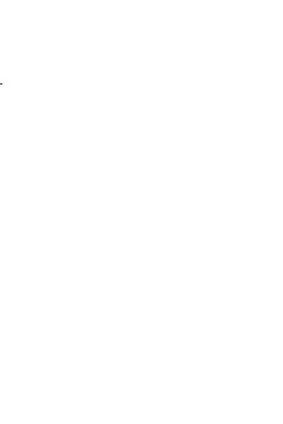
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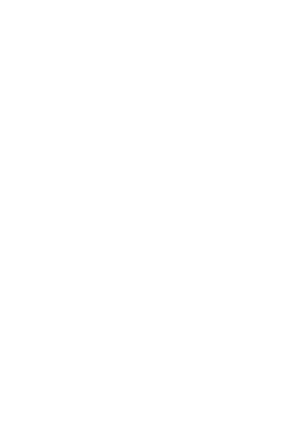
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